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e past week, the agony *equity market has been* d by the first signs of a downturn in government bond prices. Selling of gilts was started by the disclosure last *week of a further big deficit on* United Kingdom trade during July, and selling grew stronger as sterling began to fall back.

Since a large part of investment activity in London has been directed to the gilt edged market while equities have been relatively thinly traded, there is a fear that a setback in gilts *would bring further losses with*in the City community.

Some sources have claimed that the stock market is in danger of becoming a source of its own depression. Recent trading difficulties in the secondary banking and property fields have brought financial difficulties for stockbrokers and for their clients. *In this climate,* each fresh rumour of " trouble " in the financial community has *an undue effect on share prices.*

The stock market jobbing firms, now unwilling to accept heavy sales of shares, are inclined to strike prices lower at the first sign of pressure. Private investors needing to raise cash find that shares in many of the smaller, lesser known companies are difficult to sell except in small lots.

This in turn increases the pressure on shares in the lead*ing industrial and consumer* companies, where losses are, if anything, greater than the market average.

While important investment institutions, such as the pension funds, have not been heavy sellers over the past week, it remains unlikely that the market will attempt any lasting recovery until there is real resurgence in confidence.

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Pound shares in currencies fall

With the dollar again extremely strong against all other currencies, the pound lost ground yesterday. It closed at $2.3250, almost 1.5c lower than on Friday night. But it shared this fall with most European currencies and its effective devaluation slipped to 17.8 per cent, only 0.2 per cent higher *than on Friday night.*

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ngs rose sharply in June, g to the latest figures rates and earnings re esterday by the Depart Employment. The 3.7 t increase in June fol 3 per cent increase in brings the annual rate ase in the last three o over 30 per cent.

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In July the main contribution to the higher index came from increases for workers in government industrial establishments and in the chemical and allied industries.

The most recent figures, disturbing as they are, may, therefore, be only a foretaste of even larger increases later in the autumn when Phase Three ends. Several extremely *large wage rate increases will* then become effective.

The future of threshold agree*ments* is uncertain. With rapid inflation each extra 40p becomes less valuable.

Although thresholds must have contributed significantly to the jump in earnings between May and June, their effect on the earnings index should have been smaller than their effect on the rates index, because *earnings in most industries are* higher than envisaged in wage rate agreements. In fact, the *rise in earnings in June was* slightly larger than the rise in rates.

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A Greek Cypriot tearing down the Stars and Stripes from the American embassy in Nicosia during yesterday's attack. It was burnt by the angry mob outside. Another photograph, page 4.

US ambassador to Cyprus killed in mob attack on embassy

From Paul Martin
Nicosia, Aug 19

A mob of angry demonstrators, led by Greek Cypriots in *military* uniforms, today attacked the American embassy in Nicosia and shot dead Mr Rodger Paul Davies, the United States ambassador.

His Greek Cypriot secretary, Miss Antonietta Varnava, was killed in a hail of fire through the ambassador's office window and an American marine guard was also shot dead. Four other staff members were wounded when the demonstrators opened *up with machineguns and threw* petrol bombs at the embassy buildings.

The leaders of the attack are believed to be extremists of the Eoka B movement, who want Cyprus incorporated in Greece.

American marine guards at the embassy fired from windows over the heads of the demonstrators and police lobbed tear gas grenades among them. A Greek mainland officer of the *National Guard tried to disperse* the demonstrators but he was also attacked and forced to flee. Police were powerless to disperse the mob.

President Clerides, who cut short a press conference to rush to the embassy, described the attack as an "abominable crime". Mr Clerides, wearing a *gas mask, helped to carry the* dead ambassador from the building to a waiting Land-Rover.

Mr Davies was a widower aged 53. His two young daughters had been sent to *Beirut only two weeks ago at* the height of the military conflict on the island.

The wounded were taken from the embassy in two Canadian armoured troop carriers from the United Nations peace-keeping force. Earlier the Canadians were jeered by the crowd and had to weave their *armoured vehicles through* demonstrators who lay on the ground in their path.

About 500 *demonstrators* marched on the embassy just after noon, angrily protesting at what they claimed was an American-Turkish conspiracy to partition Cyprus. They surged *through the streets outside the* building, setting fire to parked cars.

Mr Rodger P. Davies, the American ambassador, shot dead in Nicosia yesterday.

Some of the demonstrators clambered over the protective iron fence around the building and tore down the Stars and *Stripes, setting fire to it.* They also burnt an effigy of Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, *whom they described as* " Kissinger the murderer ".

As the mob began to disperse, one of the cars exploded and shooting began. Police lobbed tear gas among the demonstrators, who replied with machinegun fire and petrol bombs. When marine guards fired from the embassy building over the *heads of the demonstrators in* an effort to disperse them, the affray turned into a pitched battle and uniformed Greek Cypriots poured bursts of machinegun fire into the building from vantage points round it.

Fighting then spilled over on to the main road between the embassy and the Hilton Hotel as the uniformed men fell back. Mass hysteria gripped the *crowd.* Three civilian demonstrators were carried off screaming and gesticulating by police trying desperately to control the situation.

The demonstrators carried banners accusing Dr Kissinger of engineering the invasion of Cyprus. One banner, erected on the fence of the Hilton *opposite the embassy, read:*

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Kissinger insistence on ceasefire

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Aug 19

The United States Government said today that it would insist on the strict maintenance of the ceasefire in Cyprus. Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, said this morning that he had spoken on the telephone to Mr Ecevit, the Turkish Prime Minister, and had received *assurances* that Turkey would respect the ceasefire.

Dr Kissinger made a state*ment which had* been approved by President Ford. He said that the important and urgent necessity now was a resumption of negotiations. The United States Government would continue to give every support to British *efforts at mediation,* and would support a new British initiative.

The decision not to cut off *the supply of arms to* Turkey, he said, was justified because such an action would have been ineffective and counter-productive.

On calmer reflection, the Greek Government would come *to realize that the United States* had played a constructive role in the crisis. " It is understandable that Greek emotions run very deep ", he said.

Washington, Aug 19.—Both aircraft carriers of the United States Sixth Fleet are now in the eastern Mediterranean near Cyprus, Defence Department *officials said today.*

The carrier Forrestal left its home port of Naples and joined the carrier Independence and the helicopter carrier Inchon in the eastern Mediterranean over the weekend, they said. The cruiser Little Rock, with the fleet commander, Vice-Admiral *Daniel Murphy on board,* has also joined the American flotilla in the past two days.

The officials said both carriers would stay in the area for the time being to help the evacuation of about 600 American citizens still in Cyprus, if necessary.—Reuter.

Potamia, Cyprus, Aug 19.—Turkey bolstered its forces with more tanks and infantry about three miles west of the road *from Nicosia to* the south-coast port of Larnaca today.

Independent military sources said the reinforcements were designed basically to strengthen the Turkish defence ring around the strategic military airport of Tymbou, which the Turks overran three days ago.—Reuter.

Our Ankara Correspondent writes: The Turkish Government today seemed to have discounted all possibility of a military confrontation with Greece, asking Parliament to exempt three Aegean and one Thracian province from an extension of martial law. *Parliament voted* unanimously in favour of preserving the state of emergency in 10 other provinces.

The Foreign Ministry denied press reports that Turkish troops in Cyprus continued to advance after the ceasefire proclaimed on Friday. It said a Greek artillery attack took *place on Sunday night against* Turkish-controlled Tymbou Airport, east of Nicosia. The Turks did not fire back in spite of the death of one of their soldiers.

The Turkish Army seemed solidly entrenched behind the "Attila line", so-called after the Hun ruler, a hero in this *country where he is considered* to be a Turk. Turkish military operations are often named after famed Turkish warriors of the past, and the Cyprus operation was named after Attila, apparently in celebration of his lightning raids.

Our Athens Correspondent writes: The Greek Government asserted its full control of the armed forces today by ordering drastic changes in their leader*ship. Lieutenant-General* Dionysios Arbouzis, aged 62, a hero of the Korean war, was recalled from retirement, promoted to full general and made Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces.

Lieutenant-General Ioannis Davos, hitherto commander of the Third Army Corps, which is *responsible for the defence of* northern Greece, becomes Chief of the Army. The general's opposition to Brigadier Ioannides's military rule was instrumental in bringing about the political changes in Greece in the wake of the Cyprus crisis.

General Gregorios Bonanos, hitherto the Commander-in-*Chief,* five lieutenant-generals and four major-generals, all closely associated with the dictatorship, were placed on compulsory retirement.

General Arbouzis, who enjoys a high reputation in the Army, was dismissed on April 21, 1967, when the colonels seized power, to make room for the promotion of their favourites.

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No trace of IRA escapers as Dublin awaits report

By Robert Fisk

Mr Patrick Cooney, the Irish Republic Minister for Justice, will give the Dublin Cabinet *today a long and detailed report* on the escape of the 19 leading IRA men from Portlaoise jail on *Sunday,* one of the most humiliating blows the Provisionals have struck at the *Irish authorities.* All over the republic yesterday police and soldiers manned road blocks, *helped by the security forces in* Ulster who deployed hundreds of extra troops to the border. *But by evening* not one of the missing men had been seen, let alone captured.

The police, highly embarrassed by the escape, were unwilling to issue many details of it, although they named the 19 men and revealed that some of them took two civilians hostage shortly after leaving the prison. That *might indicate* that not all of the 19 have left the area around Portlaoise.

The two men were out shooting when about five Provisionals approached them and demanded the .22 rifle and ammunition they were carrying. One of the men, Mr James Highland, was held captive until 5.30 on Sunday evening before being told to go home and say nothing of the incident. The other, Mr Lawrence Dooley, was left tied up in his car until 2 am yesterday.

With recent arrests of leading IRA men, the recapture of Sir Alfred Beit's paintings earlier this year and the discovery of an arsenal near the Northern Ireland border, the Irish Republic police had been acquiring a formidable reputation lately; but now there are some awkward questions about a supposedly escape-proof jail to answer.

How was it, for instance, that the 19 Provisionals managed to smuggle explosives into their cells? Why were the warders unable to raise an alarm when first attacked? And why, when soldiers surrounded the jail walls day and night, were 19 men able to run to freedom with, at the most, only two flesh wounds being inflicted?

Soldiers began to search the countryside within a 50-mile radius of Portlaoise yesterday. In Ulster nearly every border crossing point, including minor roads, was manned by British troops and all trains between Dublin and Belfast were inspected.

The British have good reason to do so; the Irish police have confirmed that Kevin Mallon, one of the IRA's most efficient border campaigners, was among the escapers. So were William Brown and Michael Molan, members of the Belfast brigade who helped Mr Mallon to escape from Mountjoy prison by helicopter last October.

Among the others on the run are Michael and Sean Kinsella, both convicted of the murder of Senator William Fox. Martin and Kevin McAllister, two brothers from the Ulster border village of Crossmaglen, have also escaped and the British Army is looking for them on home ground.

The IRA has predictably let it be known that many of the escapers will return to "active service" *almost immediately.*

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Court Line cash troubles grow as doubts are cast on protection of Airfair clients

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

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The Court Line affair took a new turn last night when it was learnt that administrative confusion in Whitehall has cast doubts on the bonding arrangements for customers of Airfair *the advance airline booking* firm.

The Civil Aviation Authority, which last *night announced* plans for stranded passengers and customers with bookings outstanding, said: " The position of the Air Fair bond has yet to be clarified. Further guidance will be issued as soon *as possible.*"

Aifrair is one of the Court Line subsidiaries that have terminated their operations. Under a scheme approved by the CAA, it has been buying blocks of airline seats and reselling them cheaply to people prepared to book 60 days in advance of travel. A bonding *arrangement* is required to protect travellers.

There is already criticism of the CAA's difficult decision not to revoke Court Line's licence to organize general air travel while the Government took advice on the group's exact financial position. It will now be asked why Airfair was *permitted to continue opera*tions while the nature of the bonding arrangements remained unclear.

It is understood that Court Line wanted its £3.3m bond covering Clarksons and Horizon holidaymakers to be extended to cover Airfair. The authority apparently agreed and issued the appropriate licence.

But the Tour Operators Study Group declined earlier this *year to accept a bond from Air*fair, which is not a member of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA). Last night ABTA said: " Airfair is not a member of the association and, therefore, passengers affected are not covered by our *financial protection scheme.*"

Mr Harry Chandler, chairman of the Tour Operators' Study *Group* and a trustee of the travel trade's bonding fund now helping other holidaymakers, said that the group could not accept a bond from Airfair as it was not a tour operator.

Yesterday the CAA announced *that two airlines, Laker Air*ways and Wardair, had agreed to return stranded passengers free of charge but people with future bookings for transatlantic flights must pay £60, Airfair payments to carriers having *stopped. Overseas National* Airways (ONA) will return people from the United States up to September 5; any help after that will depend on United States government approval and availability of space. The position of ONA, as well as that of World Airways, with regard to future outgoing passengers " has *still to be clarified* ".

According to sources within the authority, the present uncertainty over whether an Air Fair bond exists or not arises from differing interpretations of the tour operators' bonding *agreement.* When Court Line took over Horizon it was felt that a £1.1m bond was large enough to cover Air Fair's requirements (Horizon was getting fewer bookings). Halcyon *Holidays,* the Court Line subsidiary, agreed at the CAA's request, to buy all the shares in Air Fair to enable it to *qualify for bonding.*

The authority's view is that all subsidiaries of tour operators are eligible for the study group's protection scheme; the travel trade says that applies only to subsidiaries engaged directly in tour operations.

*Mr Gordon McNally, chair*man of Exchange Travel (Holdings), yesterday sent a tele*gram to Mr Shore, Secretary of* State for Trade, saying the whole travel trade was in a dilemma over the Court Line affair. Legal opinion differed on how money covering forward bookings could be used.

Argument is continuing over the Government's nationalization of Court Line's shipbuilding side and whether *or not* ministerial assurances were given on the stability of the firm's holiday operations.

Tate and Lyle, the sugar group with shipbuilding interests, said yesterday that it was still very interested in buying Appledore Shipbuilders, a Court Line company, subject to the price being right; and a guarantee was given about no future state takeover.

Mr John Methven, Director General of Fair Trading, decided yesterday not to widen his examination of the travel industry to include an investi*gation of the Court Line col*lapse, as had been urged by Mr Paul Tyler, Liberal spokesman on transport.

Villa subsidiary sale: In the High Court today, Mr Guy Parsons, special manager of Court Line, will apply for official approval for the sale of all shares in Owners' Services Ltd *to Tozer Kemsley and Mill*bourn (Holdings), the international finance and investment group. The sale will guarantee holidays for 20,000 people.

TKM has so far refused to disclose the price involved. Price and Pierce, its wholly-owned subsidiary, sold its 60 per cent stake in OSL to Court Line last June.

Owners' Services acts as a carrier and organizer for private villa rental holidays as well as a villa and apartment " broker ".

Hospital staff to boycott some paying patients

By a Staff Reporter

Action to stop treatment for private patients of part-time consultants at Hammersmith *Hospital, London, is to be ap*plied by members of six non-medical unions.

Shop stewards met yesterday and decided to begin the action at an undisclosed date. The decision followed an abortive meeting with administration officials and doctors.

Union members intend to exclude such services as porterage and meal deliveries.

*Mr C. Longworth, chief nego*tiator for the shop stewards' committee, said: " We don't *want* to hit the private patients of full-time consultants. We are hitting patients who are queue-jumping. Ninety per cent of them are from overseas and in hospital for exploratory work."

The hospital provides 20 beds for the private patients of full and part-time consultants. Yesterday, 14 were occupied but neither the hospital nor the unions knew how many were patients of part-time consultants.

The shop stewards say the patients provide no revenue for the hospital because charges for services are paid to the National Health Service. Mr Longworth *said any action taken* would not affect patients seriously ill or in danger.

A management spokesman said that no action had so far been taken against private patients. The district management would consider if the admission of private patients of part-time consultants should be stopped. The medical executive committee, representing consultants, has refused to *negotiate.*

The British Medical Association reminded the Department of Health last week of a July agreement that no changes would be made to the position of consultants or private patients in the National Health Service until a working party had reported.

The association expressed concern at the situation at Hammersmith and noted that *one union had admitted that the* proposed action contravened union policy.

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Welsh livestock farmers seek government aid

From Our Correspondent
Welshpool, Aug 19

Telegrams were sent last night to Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, and Mr Morris, Secretary of State for Wales, asking for intervention to avert a collapse of the Welsh *livestock market.*

Angry farmers who yesterday failed to sell animals in Welshpool's Smithfield market, the largest one-day market in Wales, were told by National Farmers' union officials that urgent government action was being sought.

Mr Trevor Davies, chairman of Montgomeryshire branch of the NFU, said: " We have sent a message to the Minister of *Agriculture and the Secretary* of State for Wales demanding that in view of the critical situation they delegate a top-level government official to attend next Monday's Welshpool market to see the situation for themselves."

Mr Meirion Burrell, the NFU county secretary, said: *" Store cattle producers* have been forced to take home animals which attracted bids well below the cost of purchase."

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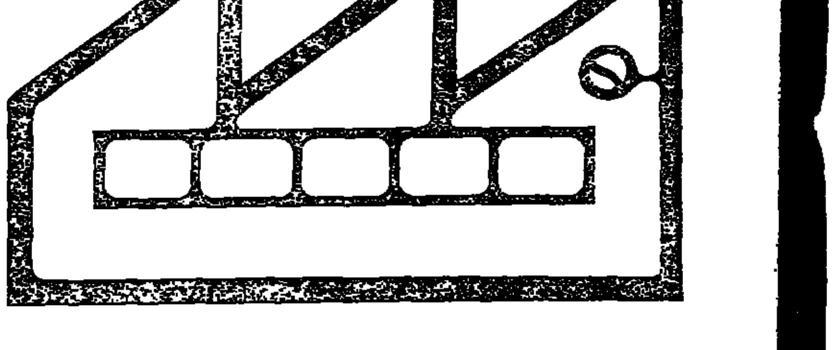

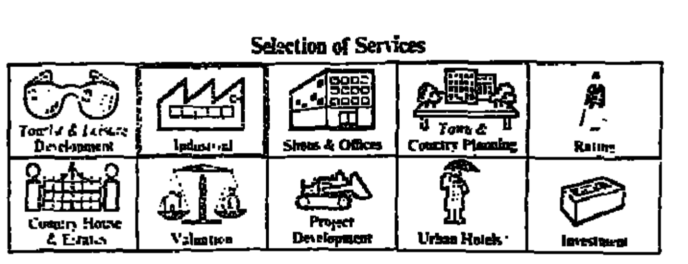

Controversy over Court Line intensifies as Balpa edges away from loan claim

By Malcolm Brown
Business News Staff

As the political argument over the Court Line collapse gathered momentum yesterday the issue became further confused. The British Air Line Pilots Association (Balpa) apparently threw doubt on its own allegations, made on Sunday, that Mr Clinton Davis, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Trade, had assured it early in July that passengers booked to travel would be safeguarded by a £4m Government loan.

Captain Geoffrey Tong, who has represented pilots at their meetings with ministers, said last night:

> We had the firm impression that the Government had offered £4m and the bank another £4m. That would have made sure everyone got their holidays and kept us working until Christmas. We may have misunderstood the situation, or people may be playing politics.
>
> I now understand all this took place before the Government knew how bad things really were. They may have been misled by Court Line into thinking it was possible to stave off the collapse.

Captain Tong's comments came after a confused day in which Mr Davis had issued a statement that amounted to a complete denial that he had made any such offer. In reply Balpa issued a statement incorporating a letter which it said the minister had written to Mr Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Luton, West, who arranged the ministerial-Balpa meetings. It indicated that the question of passengers' security was very much in the minister's mind when he reflected on the meeting.

In his statement, issued by the Department of Trade, Mr Davis said:

> I had a meeting in my room at the House of Commons on July 9 with two MPs, Mr Brian Sedgemore and Mr Ivor Clemitson, three members of Balpa and four members of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs.
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> I described the action taken by the Government by reading out the Secretary of State for Industry's statement on July 1 to the House of Commons.
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> That statement refers to the fact that the Government as part of its arrangements to purchase Court Line Shipbuilders from Court Line would allow £4m owed to Court Line Shipbuilders by Court Line to remain with Court Line for a short period and that the National Westminster Bank had agreed to similar arrangements in respect of a further £4m loan to Court Line by them.
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> These were the only references that I made to a figure of £4m and were in identical terms to those in Mr Benn's statement in the House. I ended the meeting by undertaking to take note of all the points made by the deputation.

As Mr Davis's statement was being issued, Balpa made public a letter which it maintained confirmed the promise of £4m. Mr Gordon Hurley, of Balpa, in issuing the letter, said: "Mr Clinton Davis called our pilots liars this morning, yet this letter proves that the promised loan really exists."

The text of the letter, addressed to Mr Sedgemore, read:

> Dear Mr Sedgemore, Peter Shore asked me to thank you for your letter of July 16 accompanying the memo on Court Line Aviation from the airline's Balpa members.
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> As I told you when we met, conditions about future conduct of industrial relations are not likely to be incorporated in the loan agreement, but Balpa's views will certainly be given attention in the continuing processes of monitoring the loan.
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> Our concern is not by any means limited to safeguarding the security of travellers' arrangements this summer; we want to see the residual companies maintaining a viable operation in the longer term.
>
> Yours sincerely,
> Clinton Davis.

The letter was dated July 25.

Other views expressed by those who had been at the crucial meeting did nothing to clarify the situation. The ASTMS described the pilots' claim as entirely and utterly false.

Mr Richard Tassell, one of the ASTMS representatives at the meeting, said it seemed that the pilots "were at a different meeting to Mr Davis, the two MPs and myself".

He said that Court Line Aviation was "guilty of telling the Government they were owed £3.5m when in fact the debt was owed by Clarksons and Horizon and was not worth the paper it was printed on".

Further broadsides were fired during the day by politicians of all parties. Mr Peter Walker, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, issued a statement expressing regret at the way Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, and Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, had handled the Court Line affair. He said:

> In my view there are circumstances when for either regional or national interests the Government must intervene. Such intervention demands two qualities. The first is the provision of careful consideration and the second is the taking of the best advice available.
>
> The two ministers totally failed to meet either of these two requirements.

Mr Benn, he alleged, had failed to consult the Industrial Development Advisory Board in line with the usual section 7 procedure laid down in the Industry Act. He continued:

> Had they been consulted, being men of commercial skill and not men of political ambition, they would have said "No" to the Government's intervention, for unlike Mr Benn and Mr Shore they would have demanded to know the facts before announcing their decision.
>
> No reasonable person can deny that Mr Benn's statement to the House has resulted in thousands of ordinary people since June 26 paying to Court Line companies money they would otherwise have retained.

Mr Jenkins, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science, added fuel to the flames last night when he told his constituents in Putney that Labour would have taken over the entire Court Line group if it had had a sufficient majority.

He said that Labour would be returned handsomely at the next general election and there would be no more Court Line-style crashes.

Judicial inquiry call: Mr Heseltine, a Conservative spokesman on trade and industry, last night called for a judicial inquiry, independent of the Government, into the Court Line affair (the Press Association reports).

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, Labour and Co-operative MP for Teesside, Thornaby, yesterday called on Mr Heseltine to explain what action he proposed to take to stop people from setting up business with inadequate management and accountancy procedures.

A county court summons seeking the return of holiday money paid to Clarksons is to be issued against Mr Benn by Mr William Swan, a Manchester businessman, who booked a holiday which should have started this week in Antigua.

He maintains that he paid a deposit in March and that after Mr Benn had appeared on television saying that holidays booked through Court Line would be protected, he paid the balance of £674.

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Firms offer extra tours to cope with late rush

By Patricia Tisdall

Leading British tour operators yesterday were investigating how to increase their holiday capacity to take clients of Court Line who still wish to go abroad.

All the major companies reported a rush of inquiries and bookings after the announcement on Thursday night of the liquidation of Clarksons and the other Court Line holiday companies. Representatives of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) said yesterday that they had been handling a flood of applications from would-be holidaymakers.

Thomson Holidays, which on Friday launched a late booking scheme offering 2,000 additional "Square Deal" holidays mainly in Spain and Portugal, reported hundreds of inquiries from disappointed Clarksons clients.

The Swiss-owned Cosmos company said that it was working out ways of raising its capacity. Available seats on existing tours were being filled.

An estimated 60,000 to 80,000 beds in Spanish hotels were due to be filled by Court Line's clients to the end of September. Spanish tourist companies are believed to be planning to attract Britons to the hotels, some of which may be prepared to take the lowest possible rates to attract late bookings.

Travel industry representatives said yesterday that even Court Line clients who had been told there was little chance of their getting their money back were determined to get away, whatever the cost.

While the short-term effects are good for the surviving holiday companies, many are concerned about long-term damage to their relationships with foreign hotel keepers. When Horizon Holidays Ltd was wound up, leaving several hundred thousand pounds of bad debts earlier this year, many overseas hotel companies insisted on payment in advance for future bookings.

Court Line, which took over the goodwill of the company, made such payments. There are fears that the latest collapse and the generally shaky financial foundation of the British package-tour industry will lead to a tightening up of hotel and other contracts.

Airline busy: British Caledonian, the major independent airline, which is based at Gatwick, yesterday reported an upsurge of bookings from holidaymakers who were to have travelled with Court Line (our Air Correspondent writes).

The airline said that its tour company, Blue Sky, had organized 2,000 additional holidays to Majorca over the weekend. This week an additional 5,000 holidays would be arranged to Majorca and other resorts.

Half-price cruises: The Southern Ferries subsidiary of the P & O shipping group yesterday offered half-price holidays to those affected by the Court Line collapse (the Press Association reports).

The round trips on the passenger-car ship Eagle are from Southampton to Lisbon, and autumn-only sailings to Algeciras and Tangier.

Because of dearer fuel, the recent Portuguese coup, and cholera in Portugal, Southern Ferries' passenger figures are well below those originally expected.

Madrid meeting ends with a dispute over debts

From Harry Debelius
Madrid

A meeting between a representative of Court Line and British and Spanish officials in Madrid yesterday ended in disagreement about financial arrangements. Spanish tourist industry sources said that the £350,000 mentioned in London as Court Line's approximate debt in Spain was unrealistic.

There was no immediate statement on the meeting from the Spanish Government. The British Embassy said an Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) representative was expected within 24 hours for further talks.

The Embassy described the meeting as "generally friendly", and said the official British delegation consisted of the Consul General in Madrid and the commercial and information counsellors of the Embassy in Madrid.

Also at the meeting were Mr Gerhardt Paukner of Court Line and Señor José Luis Perona, director general of tourism for the Spanish Ministry of Information and Tourism.

Tourist industry sources said that debts left behind by Court Line were of continuing concern to Spanish business, particularly in the Balaeric Islands.

Intourist relents: A group of 101 British and American tourists briefly stranded in the Soviet Union by the Court Line collapse left Moscow for Britain yesterday after Soviet officials withdrew demands that they must pay more for their holidays (Reuter reports).

Earlier a courier for Horizon Tours, a Court Line subsidiary, said that Intourist, the state tourist organization, had dropped demands for £60 from each member of the tour parties, apparently after discussions in London with ABTA.

Lost luggage.—Six Court Line tourists had to leave their luggage in their hotel in Rimini when they flew home last Friday, consular officials in Milan said yearerday (Reuter reports).

British consular officials in Venice, Genoa, Palermo and Sardinia said most of those whose holidays were due to end last wekend had been flown home. It was hoped that those who still had a week to go would be able to complete their holidays under the ABTA guarantee.

Co-op refund: The Co-operative Wholesale Society and Co-op Travel are to refund in full money paid for Court Line holidays. The refunds will cost over £100,000 (the Press Association reports).

They apply only to travel agencies operated by the Co-operative Wholesale Society and Co-op Travel,

Honeymoon surprise: A newly married couple who lost their honeymoon in Majorca because of the collapse yesterday began a honeymoon in south Devon, given free of charge by an hotel.

Mr Terry Burns, of Embankment Road, Plymouth, and his wife, Susan, both aged 20, were married at Saltash, Cornwall, on Saturday. The honeymoon on Majorca was to have been a present from Mrs Burns's family, but was cancelled.

Now the couple are enjoying a honeymoon given at the King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge.

2,000 students among those who have lost money

By Diana Geddes

British hoteliers and about two thousand students in Britain are among those who have lost money because of the collapse of a Court Line subsidiary, the British Student Travel Centre (BSTC).

How many hoteliers are affected is not known, but Mr James Murray, proprietor of the Academy Hotel, in Gower Street, London, said yesterday that he was owed £2,000. He said he has heard of another hostel in the same street which was also owed money by the group.

The BSTC is not a member of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) and no money will therefore be available for students from bonds lodged with ABTA. The National Union of Students Travel Service said yesterday, however, that it would fly back any students who were abroad. At the moment it is also honouring any BSTC tickets held by students in Britain who arrive at airports for NUS flights out of the country.

Meanwhile ABTA's plans to distribute bond money to customers of the Court Line subsidiaries who are association members (Clarksons, Horizon, 4S and 4S Sports) have met difficulties.

The head office of 4S and Horizon have been seized on behalf of creditors. Guards are barring anyone, including ABTA officials and Court Line staff, from entering. Inside are crucial records showing who are the creditors of those companies, information needed before any payments can be made.

A security guard at the 4S offices in Kingsway said he was guarding the building for the liquidator who was appointed at the time of the collapse of Horizon and 4S before they were taken over by Court Line. Court Line apparently have never paid for the lease of the buildings.

The seizure of the buildings is also making it virtually impossible for the former personnel directors of 4S and Horizon to set up teams to find jobs for dismissed staff, as they had hoped to do, and as Clarksons is doing for its 700 former employees. Clarksons staff wishing to know about job vacancies are asked to telephone 01-247 0484. ABTA is circulating its 4,500 travel agency members for information of vacancies.

Advice is also being given on such things as pension rights and pay. All employees are preferred creditors for wages due, holiday and notice payments, for amounts up to £200, but rank as ordinary creditors for any sums over that. All pension rights are preserved, being part of a fund which is separate from the company.

Employees will also be eligible to claim normal redundancy payments from the Government redundancy fund. The Government then becomes an unsecured creditor of Court Line for the amount paid out.

Jobs offer: Lufthansa, the German airline, said yesterday it was recruiting cabin crew and would be prepared to accept applications from Court Line stewards and stewardesses (the Press Association reports).

Policeman and US sergeant on plot charge

From Our Correspondent
Bury St Edmunds

A constable in the Suffolk police and a United States Air Force master sergeant in the security police were charged at Mildenhall Magistrates' Court, Suffolk, yesterday with conspiracy to obstruct the course of justice.

Police Constable John James Hadlow, aged 54, of Church Lane, Worlington, near Mildenhall, and Master Sergeant John William Wood, aged 47, of the 48th Security Police Squadron, Lakenheath, USAF base, were charged with conspiring on June 8 to obstruct the course of justice by interfering with a blood specimen taken from Master Sergeant Wood.

Both men were committed on bail for trial at Ipswich Crown Court.

Housewife found stabbed to death in office

Mrs Ann Long, aged about 25, a housewife, was stabbed to death on the second floor of the offices of Duncan Watson, electrical engineers, in Cricklewood Lane, London, between 1.30 pm and 1.45 pm yesterday.

Det Supt Ronald Hardy of Golders Green police station, who is heading the inquiry, said: "There is no suggestion of a robbery. We are anxious to trace all her relatives and associates. She lived with her parents at Wembley."

Mr Hardy described the attack as "savage". Two witnesses had seen a man running from the building.

Paisley murders: Two women have been found murdered within 24 hours at Paisley, Renfrewshire. The body of one of them, Catharine Ann Galloway, aged 24, was found in a river about four miles outside Paisley. She had face injuries, and the police are investigating the possibility that she had been sexually assaulted. The body appeared to have been in the water for some time.

The second woman, Mrs Annie Hay Irvine, aged about 60, was found by neighbours stabbed to death in bed in a ground-floor tenement flat in Clarence Street, Paisley. The police described it as "a bestial murder". A knife was found.

Miss Galloway, of Kilvaxter Street, Arden, Glasgow, worked in a Glasgow knitwear factory. The police appealed for people to help to fill in the last 40 hours of her life, from 11 pm on Friday to 3.30 pm on Sunday. When last seen she was wearing a "buckle" ring on her right-hand ring finger, and a black and white check trouser suit.

Last night police were interviewing a man.

Mr Weighell is elected leader of NUR

By Our Labour Staff

Mr Sidney Weighell, aged 52, has been elected as the next general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen. He will take over in February when Sir Sidney Greene, the present general secretary and chairman of the TUC economic committee, retires.

Mr Weighell, a former Northallerton engine driver, is the union's senior assistant general secretary. He received 85,553 votes, well ahead of Mr Frank Cannon, assistant general secretary, with 34,885.

One of Mr Weighell's first tasks will be to lead the union negotiators in talks on the 1975 railway pay claim. He is a moderate, and a member of the Labour Party national executive.

Police questioning motorists at Mountrath, near Portlaoise, in the Irish Republic yesterday. Country-wide checkpoints have been set up since the mass IRA escape from Portlaoise prison on Sunday.

Tories attack 'death sentence on ports'

By Our Political Staff

The Conservative attack on the Government's plans for the nationalization of British ports opened last night, two days before port authorities are due to receive a letter from Mr Mulley, Minister for Transport, "pronouncing the death sentence on all private enterprise ports".

Mr Eldon Griffiths, an Opposition spokesman on industry, who apparently has seen a copy of the letter to be distributed tomorrow, said in a statement: "The announcement of this new state grab will do nothing to help and a great deal to hinder both the ports and the shipping industry.

"It is a further blow to confidence which the Conservative Party will oppose as irrelevant, expensive and unnecessary."

Mr Griffiths said that, according to Mr Mulley's letter, all cargo ports on the coast and estuaries were to be nationalized, "and a huge new national ports authority will be responsible for licensing their activities and masterminding their investments.

"It will also enforce the dock labour scheme, virtually handing over control to the Transport and General Workers' Union."

The national ports authority would not own the port. The new monopoly owner would be the state, "though which of its various agencies will actually take command remains to be settled". Only large waterfront firms handling their own business would probably be left out. The question of what was to happen to fishing ports and such recreational facilities as marinas was left open.

But for the rest, Mr Griffiths went on, all commercial harbours would be taken over if Labour was reelected, at enormous cost to the taxpayer.

Mr Griffiths said there were two remarkable features in Mr Mulley's imminent announcement. First, there was the transparent lack of enthusiasm on the part of Mr Mulley as the sponsoring minister.

"Mr Mulley, one of the nicest and most moderate men in the Government, is plainly unhappy about his own proposals. All the evidence points to Mr Jack Jones (general secretary of the TGWU) calling the tune."

Second, there was the extraordinary lack of decision in the official Government letter that would be received by the ports industry tomorrow.

Five specific questions were left completely unanswered. What would it cost? To whom would the assets of the nationalized ports be transferred? What was the basis for compensation to existing owners? What was to happen to the fishing industry and recreational sailing? Who would run the stevedoring companies without which the ports could not operate?

Labour to prepare devolution doctrine

By Our Political Staff

After the eleventh-hour conversion of the Scottish Labour Party over the weekend to support for a Scottish assembly, the next step will be a meeting of the national executive committee's working group on devolution at Transport House on Saturday.

The group will submit a report to Labour's home policy committee for a meeting provisionally called for August 28. It is intended that the committee should issue a definitive party statement on devolution policy before the Government brings out within about three weeks its White Paper on constitutional reform.

Some Labour backbenchers are already speculating about the attitude of Mr Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland, who throughout his political career has been a resolute opponent of devolution and the break-up of the United Kingdom.

It is thought to be unlikely that he should resign, but he is scarcely likely to give unreserved support to any proposals for devolution.

The likelihood is that a majority of Scottish Labour MPs at Westminster share Mr Ross's conviction that the party and the Government should stand firm against Scottish nationalist pressures.

Radiographers to stage more selective strikes

By Alan Hamilton
Labour Staff

Selective strikes by National Health Service radiographers at 30 hospitals are to continue, their union leaders decided yesterday.

The Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, which claims to represent 3,000 of the service's 7,000 X-ray technicians, is seeking a further meeting with Dr Owen, Under-Secretary of State, Department of Health, to press for an interim pay award for radiographers when the Halsbury committee of inquiry into health service pay reports in mid-September.

Last week, at a meeting with union leaders, Dr Owen promised that an interim award would be made, although no amount was specified.

Attempts by the union to tie the Department of Health down to a specific lump sum of £150 were outvoted by the other staff side organizations in the negotiating committee.

Mr Reginald Bird, the union's national officer, said after a meeting of the union executive yesterday that the strike campaign would be intensified unless there was a fast settlement; hospitals in Glasgow, the northwest and Kent would be the main targets.

"We want radiographers' conditions to be determined by their own representatives, and not by physiotherapists and other people on the staff side of the Whitley Council who do not represent radiographers and who are not even members of recognized trade unions", Mr Bird said. Clearly his remarks were mainly aimed at the Society of Radiographers, which is a professional association rather than a trade union, and the physiotherapists who command considerable strength on the staff side of the Professional and Technical Whitley Council, including the present chairmanship.

Those other organizations involved in the negotiations are in favour of waiting for Lord Halsbury's recommendations before seeking any specific figure for an interim pay rise.

Mr Bird indicated that his union would be prepared to break up the long-established negotiating machinery and seek direct bargaining with the Department of Health for X-ray staffs unless their demands were met.

The £150 which ASTMS is seeking is only an interim payment, and would mean backdating an award to May. As a final settlement, the union is seeking increases of up to 35 per cent for X-ray grades to give them a basic rate of about £36 a week.

The Department of Health has been unwilling to specify the size of the radiographers' interim settlement, to avoid preempting Lord Halsbury's report.

Bank union jibs at TUC's price

By Raymond Perman
Labour Staff

The National Union of Bank Employees (NUBE), one of the most outspoken critics of the "social contract", is anxious to rejoin the TUC, Mr Leif Mills, its general secretary, said yesterday.

The union, which has 100,000 members, was one of 20 expelled at last year's Trades Union Congress for refusing to deregister under the Industrial Relations Act. Unlike many of the other unions, it has not so far applied for readmission.

The TUC General Council will tomorrow readmit the Confederation of Health Service Employees and the Brushmakers' Society, bringing to 10 the number of unions allowed back into the fold.

At least three more, the National Graphical Association, which resigned before it could be expelled, Equity, and the National Association of Co-operative Officials, are likely to be readmitted soon. They were saved having to deregister by the repeal of the Act and have agreed to pay affiliation fees back to the time that they left. No objections have been raised by other unions.

NUBE will then be the only union of any size remaining outside the TUC. Mr Mills said: "It is our policy to be back in the TUC but we have not formally applied to rejoin. I think the price of readmission, the payment of back affiliation fees, is a bit high. We would like to be in the TUC, but it is a question of terms."

Mr Mills and the union's president and vice-president will attend this year's congress at Brighton, as observers. The union executive will sider applying for at the end of next

The union was from membership o in 1972 and expell later. The cost in b tion fees would £20,000.

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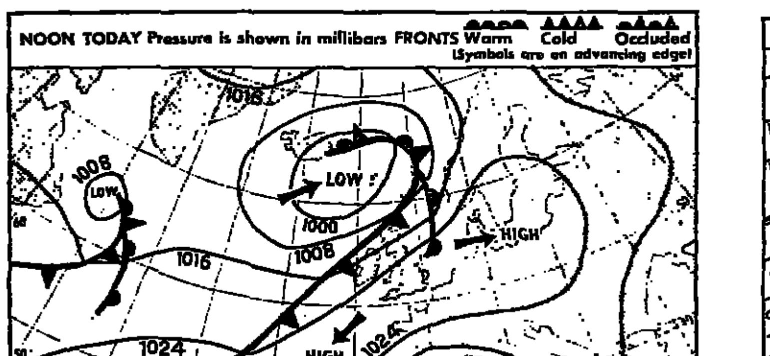
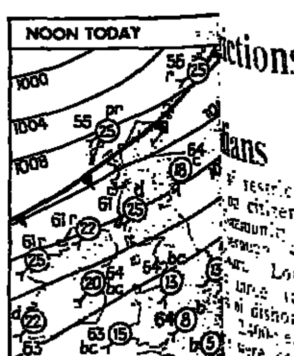
Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 5.53 am
Sun Sets: 8.14 pm
Moon rises: 9.40 am
Moon sets: 8.52 pm

First Quarter: August 24.

Lighting up: 8.44 pm to 5.25 am.

High water: London Bridge, 4.14 am, 7.6m (24.9ft); 4.29 pm, 7.6m (24.8ft). Avonmouth, 9.56 am, 14.1m (46.4ft); 10.14 pm, 14.3m (46.9ft). Dover, 1.19 am, 6.9m (22.8ft); 1.40 pm, 7.2m (23.6ft). Hull, 8.30 am, 8.1m (26.7ft); 9.5 pm, 7.7m (25.1ft). Liverpool, 1.27 am, 9.6m (31.5ft); 1.54 pm, 9.3m (30.5ft).

A depression will move NE between Scotland and Iceland and troughs of low pressure will cross N parts of the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, Midlands, East Anglia, Channel Islands, central S, SE, E, SW England: Mostly dry with sunny spells after early mist or fog patches; wind variable, becoming SW, light; max temp 19 or 20°C (66°F).

Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Bright spells, becoming cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle; wind mainly SW, light, increasing moderate to fresh; max temp 18°C (64°F).

Central N, NE England: Bright, becoming cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle; wind SW, moderate to fresh; max temp 19°C (66°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, E Scotland, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Occasional rain or drizzle, some bright spells; wind SW, moderate to fresh; max temp 17 or 18°C (63 to 64°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Changeable with some rain in most districts, although amounts will probably be small in S; temp near normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind variable, mainly light; sea smooth.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW, moderate to creasing strong; sea increasing rough.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Algiers	s	29	84	Cologne	c	19	66	Lisbon	s	26	79	Nice	s	27	81
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Barcelona	s	26	79	Dublin	s	17	63	London	c	19	66	Paris	s	21	70
Beirut	s	29	84	Edinbrgh	f	17	63	Luxmbrg	c	15	59	Rome	s	33	91
Belfast	s	15	59	Geneva	c	22	72	Madrid	f	24	75	Ronldswy	s	16	61
Berlin	r	17	63	Gibraltar	s	25	77	Majorca	s	29	84	Stockholm	f	19	66
Biarritz	f	18	64	Guernsey	s	19	66	Malaga	s	27	81	Tel Aviv	s	28	82
Birmghm	f	18	64	Innsbruck	s	25	77	Manchstr	s	18	64	Venice	s	34	93
Bristol	s	17	63	Istanbul	f	24	75	Moscow	s	20	68	Vienna	s	29	84
Brussels	s	21	70	Jersey	s	20	68	Munich	c	19	66	Warsaw	f	21	70
Budapest	s	31	88	L Palmas	s	25	77	Naples	s	29	84	Zurich	c	18	64
Cardiff	s	21	70					New York	s	29	84				

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 pm, 20°C (68°F); min 7 am, 11°C (52°F). Humi 66 per cent. Rain, 24hr 0.07in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm millibars, rising. 1,000 = 29.53in.

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, August

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max temp C	F
E COAST				
Bridlingtn	12.1	—	17	63
Gorleston	11.4	—	16	61
Clacton	8.7	.05	19	66
Margate	7.9	.04	18	64
S COAST				
Hastings	9.0	.01	21	70
Eastbrne	10.0	.11	20	68
Brighton	10.6	.02	21	70
Worthing	11.3	.08	22	72
Bognor R	10.9	—	22	72
Southsea	11.0	—	22	72
Sandown	12.6	—	21	70
Bournmth	13.6	—	21	70
Exmouth	13.8	—	21	70
Torquay	12.3	—	21	70
Falmouth	12.5	.02	19	66
W COAST				
Morecambe	7.0	—	19	66
Blackpool	11.2	—	16	61
Newquay	13.7	—	17	63

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TUC spli on worke directors industry

By Paul Routledge
Labour Correspondent

A serious divisio TUC's ranks over involvement in the r industry is disclose final agenda for th Trades Union Con lished today.

The General and Workers' Union (GM country's third-bigge has tabled an amend aims to steer the Bri movement away from style "supervisory b which worker-direct control the dire industry.

The GMWU, 860,000 members, to reject the imposition of boards, which is pro TUC general counci the congress, in fav more flexible appro statutory backing to to negotiate on ma but relating the co directly to collective machinery".

The GMWU amer been added to a reso the Society of P Executives, which any extension of participation in indi agement "shall be, be seen to be, an e collective bargaini must in no way com unions' overriding advancing the intere members.

Ironically, the moderate GMWU i with the Commun structional section o gamated Union of Workers, which is ing to reject th worker-directors supervisory boards.

This oddly-assort alignment suggests congress debate on involvement in decision-making in two weeks' time from a nodding-thr TUC general counci

In the period general election, an over worker partic not be ignored by tion parties, particu the opponents of leadership views unaccustomed poli fellows.

Another strongl amendment to agenda from the engineering sectio AUEW seeks to s Post Office engine tion on the econo of nationalized ind calls on unions to support for Labour ference decisions t public ownership "l of our economy".

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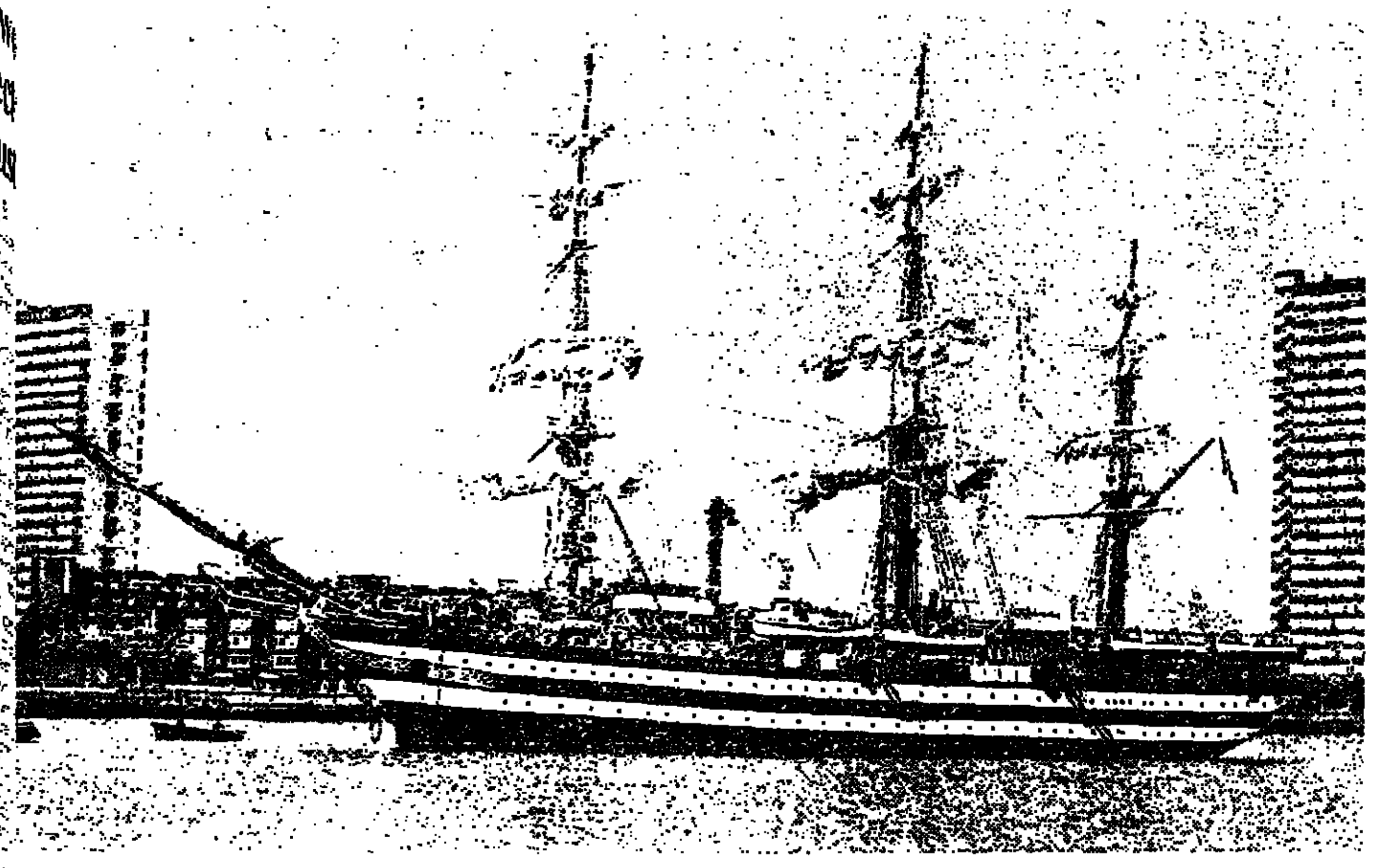

Italian Navy's sail training vessel Amerigo Vespucci, which arrived at Greenwich yesterday on a will call. She will be open to the public tomorrow, Thursday and Friday *from 3 to 6 pm.*

educed compensation for aircraft takeover

thur Reed
rrespondent

our plans to nationalize aircraft industry, nced yesterday, centre acquisition by a British al *Aerospace Corpora-* the two major airframe ictors, the British Air- Corporation and Hawker ey Aviation.

projected aerospace ation would also acquire ajor assets in guided is production, but Rolls- which has been operat- nder public ownership it went bankrupt early l, would not be brought the corporation.

ompensation to the com- to be taken over, the ent enshrining the proposals was gloomy. *that substantial public* lready pumped into the y would have to be d against the compen- formula.

the circumstances, it not be right to apply the standard compensation formula as, *for instance, it was applied* in the case of steel nationalization in 1967.

"In assessing the compensation, account should be taken of outstanding loans and unrecovered launching aid granted in the past 10 years", the document said.

It was drawn up by *a joint* working party from the Labour Party, the TUC and the Con*federation of Shipbuilding and* Engineering Unions (CSEU), and was approved by Labour's national executive, the TUC General Council, and the CSEU *annual conference.* Although not a White Paper, it probably reflects closely Cabinet think*ing on the aerospace industry's* future.

*The Society of British Aero*space Companies, representing all manufacturers who would be affected by nationalization, refused yesterday to become *excited by the document which,* it pointed out, could not be turned into policy by the *present minority government.*

Justifying the need for nationalization, the document said that in the past few years several hundred millions of pounds a year of public money had been spent on the aircraft industry by way of direct financial assistance, *procurement of civil and* military aircraft, and research and development contracts.

In the past 10 years, BAC had received more than £200m and Rolls-Royce *more than* £300m. Besides providing the finance, the Government was also the *industry's largest customer, with* all expenditure on British military aircraft met from public funds.

Although the world market *for civil aircraft* at 1973 values had risen from £700m in 1964 to £1,700m in 1973, the United Kingdom share in those *two* years was the same at £125m.

Three-quarters of the European market was supplied by the United States, and even in *the United Kingdom the home* industry's share of the civil aircraft market declined from over *60 per cent in the late* 1950s to less than 40 per cent in 1970.

"Up to now", the document stated, "individual firms have made their own demand forecasts, usually linked with the probable requirements of existing customers.

"*Under public ownership, the* expertise involved would be centralized and be required to look at a much wider frame of ref*erence.* A planned and coordinated attack on world markets would result in a revitalized indsutry.

"*Trade unionists in the sec*tor look for a strong United Kingdom aircraft manufacturing capability under public ownership, especially in view of the growing air freight market and the scope for subcontract work.

"The United Kingdom mar*ket share of aerospace equip*ment in the West European market has been estimated at around 45 per cent and valued at £200m. This must be ex*panded.*"

Cloudy outlook: page 21

US accusation over acher training cuts

n Devlin
tion Correspondent

lers of the National Union *lents accused the Govern-* yesterday of endangering n's education. The union icularly concerned about o cut the programme for g teachers, which it says sed on unrealistic, hit- is projections.

union asked for guaran- the future of its 100,000 teachers yesterday when *lers had a meeting with* wler, Minister of State *ication, who is in charge* ier education.

Alastair Stewart, the deputy president, said: ie first time the Depart- f Education is telling authorities how many d teachers they can as well as how many *teachers they can*

id that in effect colleges ing directed to fail from 15 per cent of their s. At the same time mergers of colleges (with other *colleges* and universities) appeared to be intended to cut the numbers of teachers being *trained and the number of* courses open to them.

Mr Stewart said: "We want to see realistic projections of the number of teachers this *country is going to need.*"

Mr Fowler was told that none of the projections for teacher supply stood up to analysis. The Conservative Government *had produced a White Paper* which aimed to cut the number of additional teacher training places from 114,000 to between 60,000 and 70,000 by 1981. Further cuts had since been suggested, based on a falling birth rate.

Mr Stewart said: "The birth rate is difficult to predict, teacher *wastage is almost im*possible to predict, there is no margin for error and no margin *for improvement.*"

He pointed out that in 1910 *the pupil-teacher ratio had been* 16 : 1. In 1972 it was 17.5 : 1. The number of primary school *teachers in 1933 was 171.800;* that figure was not reached again until 1970 and had not yet been substantially increased.

Wealth tax study by university team

By our Education Correspondent

A research team at Bath Uni*versity is studying* the possibilities of introducing an annual wealth tax in Britain and hopes to publish its report by the end of this year.

The £7,000 study has been sponsored by the Institute for Fiscal Studies, but the team has *also been given a grant of £6,000* by the Leverhulme Trust. The institute is a charitable trust set up four years ago to promote research into public spending *and taxation.*

The university said in a statement yesterday that the Labour Government's commitment to a wealth tax and the possibility of *legislation in 1976* created an urgent need for an independent study.

The team, under *Professor* Cedric Sandford, professor of political economy, who has made a special study of capital taxation, will be examining the ex*perience of those countries,* especially Sweden and Germany, which already have a wealth tax.

In brief

Ex-official on Poulson charge

A charge relating to the Poulson affair against Alfred John Merritt, who retired in 1958 after being principal regional officer of the Ministry of Health, was adjourned until today *by magistrates at Ponte*fract, West Yorkshire, yesterday.

Mr Merritt, of Grange Wood Crescent, West Park, Leeds, is charged with conspiring with Mr Poulson between January, 1950, and January, 1968, to corruptly receiving gifts and considerations to influence his *work at the ministry.*

Second man accused of murder

A *second man appeared at* Bradford City Magistrates' Court yesterday charged with the murder of Mr James Robertshaw, aged 74, a property owner and businessman, who was found dead at his home in Bradford last Thursday.

Edward Joseph Duffy, aged 25, of no fixed address, was remanded in custody until Friday. Last Saturday, Stephen Charles Clow, aged 27, a contractor, of Frizinghall Road, Bradford, was remanded in custody until the same day on the same charge.

Constituencies name their candidates

The following prospective parliamentary candidates have been announced:

Mr Richard Hadley, aged 27, a barrister, Labour, for Hendon, South, held by Mr Peter Thomas, Conservative, with a majority of 6,597.

Mr Murdoch MacDonald, aged 28, public relations consultant, Liberal, for Edinburgh North, held by Mr Alex Fletcher, Conservative, majority 7,013.

Painting stolen

A security inquiry was ordered at Castle Museum, Nottingham, yesterday after a 300-year-old oil painting, "A Village Scene" by David Teniers, valued at nearly £4,000, was taken on Sunday afternoon.

Two policemen cleared over pop concert

From Our Correspondent
Cambridge

Two policemen who broke up a crowd of angry pop music enthusiasts during a dance at the Corn Exchange, Cambridge, earlier this year have been cleared by a special inquiry of allegations of violence.

Mr Frederick Drayton Porter, the Chief Constable, said yesterday that no case had *been established against the* officers, who have not been named.

The disciplinary inquiry was held in secret by senior officers from another division. The officers were called in to quell a fight when windows were broken and furniture smashed after The Drifters pop group arrived late.

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arm graft fails

eration to graft back the arm of Andrew aged 11, of Tremadoc apham, who was caught vashing machine, has St James's Hospital, said yesterday.

Maximum fine on two football supporters

Imposing the maximum fine of £100 each on two local football supporters, Mr Vincent Fisher, chairman of York magistrates, said yesterday: "We have a duty to support the police in their actions to keep law and order in this city."

Ian Bennison, aged *20,* a labourer, of Nunmill Street, and Alan Dunne, aged 18, a painter, of Scarcroft Road, both York, pleaded guilty to using conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace after the match between York City and Aston Villa on *Saturday. In addition to the* fines they were bound over for a year.

At Camberwell Magistrates' Court, London, Stephen *Hutchins, aged 17, a Millwall* supporter, was banned from attending matches for six weeks. Hutchins, an apprentice bookbinder, of Manor Grove, Peck*ham,* admitted using threatening behaviour and assaulting a policeman. He was ordered to spend two *hours* at an attendance centre for the next six *weeks.* He was also fined £10 and bound over for a year for £20.

At Clerkenwell Magistrates' Court supporters were ordered to pay *fines totalling £560 for* their part in "a general battle" near Euston station on Saturday. They were among 22 supporters, including a schoolboy of 14, who appeared *on various charges in*cluding threatening behaviour, obstructing the police, possession of an offensive weapon and causing criminal damage. Three were *remanded in custody for* detention centre reports.

Evidence was *given that* groups of youths were rushing along and shouting and deliberately bumping into passers-by, *one group calling:* "*Manchester* United, fight, fight", and another group shouting: "Manchester aggro. Let's get them."

At Hove, Sussex, two Crystal Palace supporters were remanded in custody charged with assaulting a detective and caus*ing him grievous bodily harm* before the Brighton and Crystal Palace match on Saturday.

Roger Nigel Poole, aged 19, a warehouseman, of Colliers *Water Lane, Thornton Heath,* Surrey, and Jean Joseph Rondeax, aged 23, a metal polisher, of Bennerley Road, Battersea, London, pleaded guilty to assaulting Det Constable John Atkins.

At Leicester Magistrates' Court two men aged 18 were fined £75 each when they admitted threatening behaviour after the Leicester-Arsenal match on Saturday. A Leicester boy *of 17 was also fined £50* for a similar offence.

Mr Bernard Barker, chairman, said: "We in Leicester want to make it quite clear that this kind of behaviour will not be tolerated."

At Birmingham Magistrates' Court, three supporters were fined a total of £110 for using *threatening behaviour after the* Birmingham City and Middlesbrough match at St Andrews, Birmingham, on Saturday. A fourth was bound over to keep the peace.

At Airdrie Sheriff Court three teenagers from Paisley who were arrested during the Airdrie and St Mirren match on Saturday were fined a total of £220 after they admitted causing a breach of the peace by shouting and swearing. One was fined £80 and the other two £70 each.

WEST EUROPE

Increase in prices announced in Portugal

From Our Correspondent
Lisbon, Aug 19

Colonel Vasco Goncalves, *Portugal's Prime Minister,* has announced new price increases to the country. Speaking on radio and television he described his Government's econo*mic heritage from the Salazar-*Caetano era as a weighty one and said that the former leaders' boasts of economic stability were a myth.

"*On the eve of April 25, the* Portuguese economy was on the brink of chaos", he said.

The balance of payments at the end of April this year shows a deficit of more than 6,000m escudos (£100m), prices were 30 per cent higher than they were in March last year and the African wars were costing the country 45 per cent of its budget.

Since the military coup, other *difficulties had added to the* inherited ones, Colonel Goncalves said. These included considerable increases in wages, industrial retraction in certain sectors, a fall in emigrant workers' remittances (the country's biggest source of invisible *income)* and a drop in tourism.

He described his Government's economic plan as aiming to stimulate investments and promote industry. It included an £83m housing scheme for the people. He gave a warning, however, that although the end of the African wars *would* release important sums of money, the wars were not yet over, nor had decolonization been achieved. It would be two years before the advantages of the end of the wars could be seen economically.

The cost of imported wheat and meat, he said, had doubled in the past two years. That of sugar had tripled and that of petrol quadrupled. The new *price increases affect* bread, sugar, petrol and fertilizers.

French woman killed in camp struggle

From *Our* Correspondent
Madrid, Aug 19

A young Frenchwoman was fatally shot during a struggle with a policeman at a camping site on Spain's eastern coast, it was reported today.

The semi-official Spanish news agency Cifra identified the victim as Mlle Odile Yvette *Aimee Dubois, aged 23, of* Orlèans. She was shot when the the policeman, holding a pistol in his right hand, tried to take a knife away from her with his left hand.

The incident occurred after a fight among a group of young French people at a camping site near Castellon after the French tourists had been drinking.

'Die Welt' aims to become national paper

By Our Foreign Staff

Die Welt, the Hamburg newspaper, plans to become West Germany's *leading* national newspaper from next summer, when its central editorial offices will be transferred to Bonn.

This development will be closely watched by the newspaper's competitors, and might well bring about a structural change in the West German newspaper industry.

All the largest West German newspapers aspire to a nation*al readership, but apart from* the tabloid, *Bild Zeitung,* they all have a strong regional base, as did for instance *The Guardian* before it came to London.

For *Die Welt,* the comparison is hardly valid. Bonn is still a small town on the *Rhine, but by printing in more* than one centre it has a chance, technically at least, of realizing its ambition.

National service changes so complex newspapers have to print long articles to explain them

Belgium plans professional defence force

From David Cross
Brussels, Aug 19

As in other West European countries, national service duty has never been popular among the younger generation in Belgium. This dissatisfaction reached its peak a couple of years ago when demonstrating students were involved in clashes with armed police over a Government plan to put an end to student deferments *from military service.*

The authorities eventually gave way and the proposed scheme for all students to carry out their military service *as soon as they left school* was hastily scrapped.

Ever since that debacle, successive Belgian Governments, with a close eye on public opinion, have moved more cautiously in their attempts to introduce changes in the armed forces. *To their great relief* a new project, just approved by Parliament, has won the approval of most interested parties.

As with many reforms in *that country where a per*manent balancing act is required to steer new *legislation through* a Parliament divided almost equally between the French-speaking Walloons and Dutch-speaking Flemings, the new project is all things to *all men.*

It pleases the youth of the country by promising to cut military service by half over the next five years. It is acceptable to Nato because, if all goes according to plan, the Belgian Army of 10,000 in *West Germany will for the* first time become an all-professional force. Some careful juggling with figures has convinced the savings-conscious that no over all increase in expenditure will be required.

But the compromise nature of what is known as the "Vanden Boeynants plan" *(named after Mr Paul Vanden* Boeynants, the Belgian Defence Minister who drew it up) has had one setback. It has proved to be so complex that Belgian *newspapers have had to print* a series of long explanatory articles to clarify initial misunderstanding among the public.

Some youngsters, for example, were already celebrating what they thought was an immediate trimming of national service duties. In fact, the present 12-month term for the *40,000 conscripts* who are serving at any one time would be reduced in stages to six months' service in 1978.

To make this possible with*out weakening the strength of* the armed forces, the Government has calculated that an additional 6,000 professional soldiers will have to be found annually over the next five years. Thereafter an intake of 4,000 professionals a year *should suffice to cover wastage* and keep troop strengths up to their present level of some 90,000.

The Ministry of Defence has *produced detailed statistics to* show that, with a little luck and an intensified advertising campaign, these recruitment levels are quite feasible.

*Part of the advertising cam*paign will be directed towards women, who have been excluded from the armed forces in peacetime. The Government hopes to attract some 5,000 women recruits by 1978 to serve in non-combat posts.

To add to the attractiveness of the job in a country where equality of rights is often the exception rather than the rule, women will not have to obtain their husbands' approval before signing up.

The scheme will limit military service to one son or daughter in a family in due course. In addition, the period during which most national servicemen can be recalled for military duties will be cut from the present 14 years to seven in 1975.

As reorganization goes ahead *conscripts* now serving in the Aachen area of West Germany will gradually be replaced by professionals *serving between* two and 11 years. Future conscripts, whose short training period will be limited to learning such basic military skills as "*square bashing*" and how to handle a rifle, will serve in units as close to their homes *as possible.*

The cost of the whole operation is expected to add about £45m to the present annual defence bill of some £360m. But *this increase* should be more than offset by the halving of the national service period, *the Government calculates.*

The transfer of some 40,000 young men to the labour force for an extra six months a year should add some £75m to the *gross national product.*

Most military experts see the planned reorganization of the *Belgian armed forces as a first* inevitable step towards the creating of an all-regular fighting force. But whether this ultimate goal will be reached will depend almost exclusively on the Government's success in recruiting more full-time professionals.

In a country which has never had much of a military tradition, some Jonahs are already predicting a recruit*ment rate well below the Gov*ernment's optimistic figures.

Mr Cornelis Berkhouwer, Dutch president of the European Parliament (right), shaking hands with Mr Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, before beginning talks in Athens yesterday on improving Greek links with the EEC. Mr George Mavros, the Greek Foreign Minister, is with them.

Growing pressure on Oslo to extend fishing limits

From Our Correspondent
Oslo, Aug 19

There is growing pressure on the Norwegian Government for a *unilateral extension* of the country's fisheries limit. The issue was broached by Mr Eivind Bolle, the Minister of *Fisheries,* in a speech marking Fishermen's Day in Trondheim on Saturday.

He stated that "the situation after the Caracas (law of the sea) *conference cannot prevent* us from taking measures on a national basis. Such steps should not create *problems* for continued Norwegian participation in international cooperation in this field".

The phrase "measures on a national basis" *has been inter*preted as foreshadowing the extension of fisheries jurisdic*tion by imposing control on* waters outside the present 12-mile limit or by extending the limit itself.

Mr Bolle added that the pro*blems Norway was facing now* were of such a nature that "we cannot push them aside, but *have to consider* them very seriously immediately after the Caracas conference".

Mr Johan J. Toft, chairman of the Norwegian *Fishermen's Association,* also speaking in Trondheim, said that in view of the rapidly *dwindling* sea resources "we cannot sit with our hands in our lap and wait for the next conference".

EEC move to protect Europe's grain supply

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Aug 19

The European Commission has introduced new restrictions *on grain exports to safeguard* EEC supplies. Export taxes on most cereals have been increased to prevent exporters in Community countries from taking advantage of rising world prices.

In the recent days the tax on *soft wheat has risen* from 40 to 60 units of account (about £30) *a tonne;* on barley from 15 to 35 units; on oats from 5 to 17 units; and on maize from ' *to* 27 units. These taxes bridge the gap between the lower Community and the higher world *market prices.*

French help to boost their own tourist industry

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Aug 19

French tourism looks like doing well this year. This is paradoxical because, elsewhere in western Europe, as a result of the energy crisis and poli*tical instability,* the industry is expected to show a considerable decline.

Unofficial estimates suggest that France may end the year having seen half a million more tourists than last year. The number of foreign visitors is up *by about 100,000, but the biggest* gain is among the French themselves. At least 300,000 more seem to have decided to have a holiday in their own country this year.

Despite all the talk of economic difficulties that are facing French families, some 26 *million* men, women and children have gone on holiday—at least 60 per cent of them in August. This is about half the population.

The almost complete stoppage in industry and business *during August,* when 60 per cent of French factories shut for the month, has provoked an outcry in a year in which President Giscard d'Estaing said that French *people* would have to work a "thirteenth month" to offset the consequences of last autumn's higher Middle East oil prices.

But, increasingly, the French tourist industry is being appreciated as an important economic factor. It employs, at the height of the summer season, 1.5 *million people with an annual* turnover estimated at some 43.000m francs—about 8 per cent of France's gross national product. Last year there was an 870m francs surplus, and *that* is likely to be exceeded this year.

The decline in the number of French tourists going abroad was illustrated dramatically in July when French police reported a 40 per cent drop at the Hendaye post on the Spanish *frontier.*

M. Jean-Pierre Fourcade, the Economics Minister, when told that the tourist industry on the Côte d'Azur was complaining about holidaymakers' "resistance" to present prices, said in no uncertain terms that he *himself bad seen some wery* high prices "which must make any tourist think twice".

Early this month *Le Figaro* published the results of a sur*vey comparing consumer prices* in various fashionable French seaside, lake and mountain resorts this year with those in August 1972. There were wide *variations, including* a 42 per cent increase at Annecy, in the French Savoy, and only 4 per cent at Ajaccio, Corsica.

On the Riviera, prices have *gone up 37 per cent* at St Raphael and 32 per cent at Nice. Deauville, on the Channel coast, comes out well with an increase of only 22 per cent *and Chamonix in the French* Alps a surprising 11 per cent. Few tourists, French or foreign, will be surprised to learn that Paris was among the worst, at *35 per cent.*

Airport and oil refinery among Turkish developments planned for autonomous region in Cyprus

Ankara, Aug 19.—Turkey is going ahead with the economic development of an autonomous Turkish Cypriot federal state in Cyprus with or without fresh negotiations at Geneva, Mr Necmettin Erbakan, the deputy Prime Minister, said in Ankara today.

In an interview with the semi-official Anatolian News Agency he listed the following projects as being under consideration after the Turkish seizure of the northern part of the island:

Improvement of shipbuilding and ship repair facilities in the eastern port of Famagusta;

Building an airport at the northern town of Kyrenia;

Construction, possibly with Libyan help, of an oil refinery;

Creation of free trade zones;

Direct export of Turkish/Cypriot agricultural produce;

Development of tourism.

Of the political situation in Cyprus Mr Erbakan said: "There will be a Turkish federal state and a Greek federal state, and of course there will be co-operation between the two."

Turkey wanted a third round of Geneva talks to confirm this, but noted that Greece had refused, possibly because of internal problems.

"Nevertheless I hope that in a short time the confirmation of the two independent administrations will be achieved and the island will then become the Mediterranean island of peace", Mr Erbakan said.

"If Greece does not want to negotiate, we will, as we have already said, put into effect the existing situation."

The deputy Prime Minister said the Government planned to develop the economic potential of the Turkish Cypriot population. "Until now the Turkish Cypriots had no possibility of improving their economy. They did not have an outlet."

Observers noted that the lack of a Turkish Cypriot seaport had been one of the community's longstanding grievances. Since the Turkish military intervention they now have two—Famagusta and Kyrenia.

Mr Erbakan said Turkish Cypriot farmers had been working for the benefit of Greek Cypriot traders, instead of exporting their produce directly.

The Turkish state planning organization was working on a project to enlarge the shipbuilding and ship repair facilities in Famagusta, he added. This would provide work for many people.

"In the field of industry, we are thinking of building a refinery", he went on. "Libya is also very interested in this."

Other steps envisaged were the creation of free trade areas and the encouragement of tourism in the Turkish Cypriot areas.

Mr Erbakan said preparations were also being made to give the Turkish Cypriot areas their own electric power. "At present the island's sources of electricity and energy are really in the British bases."—Reuter.

Mr Clerides, the acting President of Cyprus (right, wearing gas mask on his head) watches as Mr Davies's body is carried out of the American embassy.

Ford plea for mercy towards deserters

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Aug 19

President Ford made a striking call for mercy today for the 50,000 Americans who deserted the armed forces or refused to serve because of the Vietnam war.

He said that his task as President was to bind up the nation's wounds. Facing a convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), he admitted in effect that he had been wrong in the past to oppose amnesty unconditionally.

He could not have found a less sympathetic audience to make the announcement, and the demonstration of his courage and determination to set a new course are all the more noteworthy.

The VFW, like all such organizations, are militantly patriotic and have vociferously opposed all proposals for amnesty in the past. Until today, President Ford always concurred.

He said today, however, that "unconditional, blanket amnesty for everyone who illegally evaded military service is wrong", and was loudly cheered.

But then he said that he asked a power higher than the people, "who represents not only justice but mercy", how he could bind up the nation's wounds. He would do so, he said, within the system of justice.

The President said that his last official duty as Vice-President had been to present the insignia of the Congressional Medal of Honour to the widows and children of 14 men who fell in Vietnam. He said that he had been struck by the fact those 14 were very young.

He said that the few who mitted the supreme foll letting others serve, and times die, in their place also very young. "These Americans should have a s chance", he said. "I want to come home, if they w work their way back."

The President said th had asked the Attorney G and the Defence Secret prepare an unvarnished on the status of the deserters and call-up dodg September 1. He woul decide how best to deal w different cases and allow their "earned reentry American society. As I r amnesty", he said, "so I revenge".

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Murder and wave of anti-Americanism shock the Greek Prime Minister

From Our Correspondent
Athens, Aug 19

Mr Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, said today that his Government would confront any acts of violence or anarchism with "merciless severity". He expressed shock and indignation over the killing of the American Ambassador in Nicosia and called it "a hideous crime without justification".

The Greek leader was evidently shaken by the tragedy as well as by the wave of anti-Americanism which is sweeping Greece. Officials assert that *agents provocateurs* are exploiting these feelings to undermine confidence in the present Government.

Mr Karamanlis said: "This grievous event forces me to warn, once and for all, the Greeks within and without Greece, that acts of violence and anarchism, whatever their motives, are to be condemned. They never serve the national cause. On the contrary, they undermine the Government's efforts to handle the issue in a responsible manner. The Government is determined and compelled to confront such manifestations with merciless severity."

The intensity with which the Greeks have expressed their anger towards the United States, which is blamed here for failing to prevent the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, is now causing great concern to officials. Two more cars owned by American servicemen were set on fire in the suburb of Glyfada, near the airport, last night, and other American vehicles were stoned. The American Embassy in Athens is heavily guarded by the Greek police.

There have been anti-American demonstrations in several Greek cities. Last night the Athens police charged with batons, and later used water cannon to disperse a crowd of three to four thousand youths who tried to march towards the American Embassy.

Our Ankara Correspondent writes: Mr Ecevit, the Turkish Prime Minister, condemned the murder in strong terms. "The Greeks are committing a grave error in making others pay for for their own mistakes", he said. "They are bringing harm to the world as well as to themselves." Turks had always had to face similar acts of terrorism in Cyprus. "One of the main reasons for our peace operation on Cyprus was to put an end to such massacres and acts of terrorism."

Mr Gunes, the Foreign Minister, said: "If there is no peace and calm on the island now. Turkey is not to blame. It is those who shoot 40 bullets into the body of an infant, those who have assassinated the American Ambassador who are to blame." The first incident Mr Gunes was referring to was the death of a three-year-old boy along with five others in the west Cypriot port of Paphos last week at the hands of the Greek Cypriot National Guard.

Turkish sources quoting the Red Cross said the child's body had been riddled with between 30 and 40 bullets. "The world press will give the atrocious murder of the American envoy to Cyprus much coverage for the victim is an ambassador and not a three-year-old Turkish boy", a Turkish radio-commentary said.

Makarios statement: In London Archbishop Makarious issued a statement deploring the murder and blaming Eoaka-B for the shooting. He said he was "perturbed and deeply grieved to hear of the most unfortunate incident".

"I disapprove and strongly condemn such deplorable acts", he said. "On personal grounds I am particularly sad because Ambassador Davies was a man I have come to know and appreciate not only as a diplomat but also as a wonderful person."

He understood the demonstration at the American Embassy was an "expression of dissatisfaction" with the attitude of the United States towards the Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

Unfortunately, he added, terrorists Eoka-B infiltrated the demonstrators and carried out the attack.

Nicosia mob yell 'US murderers'

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"Nato murderers destroy Cyprus." When an American ran to a Greek Cypriot Red Cross nurse near by to ask for medical assistance, she replied: "They must die. They must die."

The ambassador is understood to have been fatally wounded when he was hit in the chest by a machinegun bullet that tore through his shuttered window. His shirt drenched in blood from the gaping wound, he was carried downstairs by embassy staff.

Three Greek Cypriot ambulances arrived on the scene to evacuate the wounded but the demonstrators prevented them from reaching the embassy. "They have killed our boys", they shouted. "They are murderers. They are murderers, all of them." Some of the demonstrators sat in front of the ambulances to prevent them from moving.

President Clerides ran into the besieged embassy just as Mr Davies's body was being carried out of the front door. He joined the stretcher bearers as they rushed to a waiting Land-Rover. The President tore off his gas mask and said "This is terrible!" As the Land-Rover sped from the embassy compound the President rode on the back bumper.

The attack on the embassy came as Mr Clerides was holding a press conference less than a mile away. Moments before he cut it short, he was discussing the growing anti-American sentiment in Cyprus as a result of the Turkish invasion.

Mr Clerides had said he thought the Americans could have done more to prevent the invasion. But their attitude had changed in recent days and they were now exerting "great pressure" on the Turks to halt their occupation.

Clearly the reproachful American message to the Turks was the one hopeful turn in the crisis for the Greek Cypriots. Today's events will almost certainly set back peace efforts.

Mr Clerides condemned the killing of Mr Davies in a special broadcast over Cyprus radio. "An abominable crime was committed a short while ago in Nicosia", he said. "It is with great shock that I announce that during the demonstration outside the United States Embassy the United States ambassador was shot dead by demonstrators.

"This crime brings the tragedy of Cyprus to a peak at a moment when there were hopes of a change of world public opinion in our favour. I condemn this abominable crime which goes against the interests of Cyprus and I express my most profound sorrow and sympathy."

The attack on the embassy was the first public manifestation of the growing anger against the United States over the Turkish invasion. Ever since the invasion began newspapers have pointed the accusing finger at Dr Kissinger. An article by the American columnist, Jack Anderson, suggesting the involvement of the Secretary of State has been given wide circulation here.

However, the wider implications are far more serious. The Greek Cypriots are beginning to take stock of the enormity of their loss to the Turkish invaders. The Americans have been the first and most obvious targets. There is also a growing anti-British feeling being expressed by the moderate voices among the Greek Cypriot population.

Our Foreign Staff writes: According to information reaching London from reliable Cypriot sources, the original plan of the embassy attackers was to dynamite the building.

The attackers were apparently divided into two groups. The first group was to place the dynamite in the embassy while the second group provided covering fire.

When the dynamiters went into action the second group started firing at the lower part of the building. However they turned the direction of their fire against the upper floor when tear gas was thrown from there against the assailants.

New chargé d'affaires: The Royal Navy and the RAF were last night carrying out a combined operation to take Mr Lindsay Grant, the newly appointed American Chargé d'Affaires, to Cyprus from his holiday on the Isle of Barra, off the west coast of Scotland, the Press Association reports.

Watergate trial to go on as impeachment is shelv

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Aug 19

The judiciary committee of the House of Representatives will present its final report on its inquiry into President Nixon's wrongdoings within the next two days. Congress will take note of the report and then turn to other matters.

In the immediate aftermath of Mr Nixon's resignation, some members of Congress, including Mr Mike Mansfield, the Senate majority leader, suggested that the impeachment procedure should be carried on to a formal vote, despite the disappearance of its focus. This suggestion has now been abandoned by everyone of any consequence in Congress, and Mr Carl Albert, the Speaker of the House, buried it formally yesterday.

He said that the last act would be the judiciary committee's report. This means, also, that there is no longer any question of Congress voting a Bill of amnesty for the former President.

Mr John Rhodes, the House minority leader, who played a key part in persuading Mr Nixon to resign, said yesterday that it would be "useful" if Mr Nixon admitted his guilt of the Watergate cover-up, and said also that he expected that he would do so, in due course.

Judge Sirica ruled today that the Watergate cover-up trial should begin, as planned, on September 9. Several of the six defendants had submitted a motion that it should be delayed because of pre-trial publicity, and the prosecutors had concurred.

"The publicity has already died down", said the judge. "You can pick up the *Washington Post* and can hardly find a Watergate story." Lawyers for Mr H. R. Haldeman and Mr John Ehrlichman, formerly President Nixon's two senior advisers, said that they would appeal against the ruling.

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Britain tests climate for resuming Geneva talks

By Our Diplomatic Staff

Britain has begun the delicate task of trying to reconvene the Geneva conference, but does not expect it to resume before next week at the earliest.

Although the Turks are urging a quick resumption, Britain believes it is not easy to go back straight away and is anxious to avoid a repetition of the inflexible positions of the last talks. The Government wants to make sure that in any future talks all parties, including the Turks, are ready to negotiate the basic issues.

Mr Callaghan is now starting preliminary consultations. Yesterday he sent a message to Mr Clerides, the acting President of Cyprus, to find out what his attitude would be. In the next few days, when Britain has received a reply, he will consult the Greek and Turkish Governments to see whether a proper basis exists for a productive resumption of peace talks.

Mr Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader, will not be brought into these preliminary talks; Britain assumes that he will follow the lead of the Turkish government.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has already let it be known that Britain is working in concert with the Americans, and emphasized yesterday that this fresh round of consultations had the active support of the State Department.

France developing strong friendship with Athens

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Aug 19

The rapidly worsening relations between Athens and Washington only strengthens the French government's belief it has acted shrewdly in coming out clearly on Greece's side in the Cyprus war.

At the beginning of the conflict France tended to play a role largely of seconding the British Government in the Geneva talks in its capacity as Chairman of the Brussels Council of Ministers. But since the second Turkish onslaught Paris has been signposting its sympathies for all to see.

After pushing alone in the United Nations Security Council a text condemning Turkey by name, officials have been indicating that France intends to speed up the delivery of arms, including Mirage fighter aircraft and tanks, to the beleaguered Government of Mr Karamanlis.

Once again, President Giscard d'Estaing's decisive personal hand in directing French diplomacy is to be seen—a hand very different from the cautious balance preferred by M Pompidou.

The French press is echoing this choice favourably through its reporting. Cardinal Marty, the Archbishop of Paris, has already urged a generous French response to appeals from Cyprus for aid of the stricken Greek Cypriot community.

Paris, where the Greek Prime Minister spent his years of exile, believes that the European Community has a great interest in seeing the present Greek democratic experiment succeed. The new Greek government, in turn, has already given many signs to Paris it wishes to draw closer to Western Europe, not only to fill the void left now by the United States but also perhaps to become a tenth member of the EEC in the longer term.

France is also actively concerned with its defence role as a Mediterranean power. The country obviously understands the Greek government's withdrawal from the Nato military alliance, copied faithfully by the Gaullist-minded Mr Karamanlis. But it judges that any forging of closer defence links with Greece will also counteract a heightening of Russian influence in the eastern Mediterranean in the West's interest.

Outside Nato, the two countries could obviously develop these links more easily. One idea is that French armament interests can be given the green light; helping to set up factories in Greece is now perfectly in accord with President Giscard d'Estaing's recently expressed wish not to sell arms to undemocratic regimes, for the Colonels have gone.

After West Germany, France is an important trading partner for Greece, and as *Les Echos*, the Paris business daily noted today, if oil is discovered in the Aegean it would certainly "help keep alive" the new Franco-Greek friendship.

In Paris this afternoon about 200 Greeks marched through the centre demanding that the French government intervenes to stop "the massacres in Cyprus".

Mr Tanaka attends Park funeral

Seoul, Aug 19.—South Koreans lined the streets of Seoul in their thousands today to pay their last respects to Mrs Park Chung Hee, the President's wife, who was killed in an assassination attempt on her husband last Friday.

President Park himself did not attend the funeral service. Following Korean custom, he remained in the presidential mansion as the coffin was borne to the Capitol compound where the ceremony took place.

But the couple's children—two daughters and a son—were among the 3,000 official mourners, who also included Mr Kim Jong Pil, the Prime Minister, other government leaders and foreign diplomatic representatives.

A prominent foreign visitor was Mr Tanaka, the Japanese Prime Minister, who flew in to Seoul earlier and held a 10-minute talk with President Park before leaving for home.

Observers believe Mr Tanaka's decision to attend the funeral and call on President Park was designed to help mend relations between the two countries, strained a year ago when unidentified Koreans kidnapped Mr Kim Dae Jung, the South Korean opposition politician, from exile in Tokyo and brought him to Seoul.

Mr Kim Jong Pil, addressing 3,000 mourners including Mr Tanaka, accused North Korean communists of "this horrible act" of trying to assassinate President Park and killing Mrs Park. "The communists have incessantly challenged our sincere and dauntless march and fanatically been engaged in a plot to disrupt our peace and prosperity", he said.

During the funeral service a middle-aged South Korean staged a one-man protest against Mr Tanaka, parading near the Capitol with a placard proclaiming "Japanese pistol which killed national mother of Republic of Korea—reject Japanese Prime Minister, man who come to confirm shooting." The man was stopped by police.

Meanwhile, South Korea today indefinitely postponed a meeting due for Wednesday with North Korean Government officials at the border village of Panmunjom because of "some circumstances", the office of Mr Chang Key Young, the South Korean representative, announced.

The two sides have been meeting at Panmunjom to discuss ways of reopening talks suspended by the North last year.

Tokyo, Aug 19.—North Korea today strongly denied it had any involvement in the assassination attempt on President Park.

A statement carried by the Korea Central News Agency, monitored here, said the South Korean authorities had tried to link the assassination attempt, by a Korean living in Japan, with North Korea.

"This is one more vicious farce and most shameless political ruse which the South Korean rulers are accustomed to employ whenever they find themselves in a crisis", the agency said.

Hitch over plans for new junta in Mozambique

Lisbon, Aug 19.—A ceremony to swear in Major Ernesto Melo Antunes as president of a new governing junta in Mozambique was indefinitely postponed at the last minute in Lisbon today.

A Government communiqué said that the major would not take up his post until further notice.

At the Presidential Palace, where the ceremony was due to take place soon after midday, a spokesman said he could give no reason for the postponement. Major Melo Antunes was to have been invested by President Spinola.

The delay roused speculation that a hitch had occurred in arrangements made during talks in Dar es Salaam last week between Dr Mario Soares, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, and leaders of the Mozambique Liberation Front (Frelimo).

The appointment of Major Melo Antunes was announced in Lisbon and in the Mozambique capital of Lourenço Marques on Saturday, as Dr Soares was ending his talks with the Frelimo leaders.

The major, who is Minister without Portfolio in the Portuguese Provisional Government, was to have led a seven-man ruling junta which would have taken over from the present Governor-General, Dr Soares de Melo.

The Portuguese Foreign Minister returned to Lisbon last night with Dr Antonio de Almeida Santos, the Overseas Territories Minister, and Major Melo Antunes. Officials have refused to give any information about their mission.

Diplomats and sources within other guerrilla movements in Dar es Salaam said the meeting with Frelimo leaders was to work out details for independence, before a formal peace conference between Frelimo and Portugal in Lusaka, probably next month.

N Vietnamese frogmen destroy bridge

Saigon, Aug 19.—North Vietnamese frogmen destroyed a bridge with high explosives today, isolating a command headquarters 335 miles north-east of Saigon.

According to military sources, the communists floated a raft loaded with explosives under the Ong Bo bridge, the only road link between the city of Tam Ky and the headquarters of the Third Division at Chu Lai.

In the fighting near Saigon, South Vietnamese forces tried to dislodge communist troops which infiltrated four hamlets 50 miles north-west of the capital.

A Saigon military command communique said battlefield casualties across the country in the 24 hours ended at dawn today exceeded 800 killed and wounded. Of the dead, 355 were communists and 104 South Vietnamese soldiers.

The command said communist troops attacked almost every important Government position in the Central Highlands and near Da Nang, 370 miles north of Saigon.

Vietcong gunners poured more than 1,300 rounds of mortar and rocket fire into a military camp at Plei Me, 203 miles north of the capital. The shelling lasted more than 24 hours, but resulted in only one Government fatality.

Government forces yesterday fought back a communist attack on the camp, supported by air strikes and heavy artillery fire, a command spokesman said.

Sea conference divided over mineral exploitation

From Marcel Berlins
Caracas, Aug 19

The United Kingdom and seven of her eight European Community partners have made a joint proposal for a system to govern the exploitation of minerals on the sea-bed.

In a working paper to the Law of the Sea Conference, the EEC countries, with the exception of the Irish Republic, give details of the role to be played by the international sea-bed authority, which all countries agree should be set up, but about whose functions there has been wide divergence of views.

The European proposal sees the authority as having limited powers. It would be responsible for the award of contracts to companies, or other entities, wanting to engage in mining on the ocean-floor. But it would have little discretion in deciding who would win the contracts.

The developing countries have already made clear their opposition to proposals along these lines, fearing that they would open the door to a grab by the multinationals and companies backed by the few states technologically capable of deep-sea mining.

The third world countries (known as the group of 77 although there are now more than a hundred states in it) have presented their alternative to the conference, which gives the international authority discretionary powers not only in awarding rights to exploit, but also in participating in exploitation activities itself by entering into joint ventures with companies.

The working paper by the EEC countries states t authority "shall" grant tract to an applicant all the procedural requi have been followed. But the area for which in contracts can be gran 60,000 square kilometr restricts any single ap company to a maximum contracts. There are al visions stating that the ing company shall have continuously, and theref be able to retain an are out working on it. Co would last 30 years, bu would be renewable f years. Minimum amounts would have to be by the company.

The British argument fo porting a system which the sea-bed authority de but narrowly circums powers, is that companies the necessary know-how be unwilling to take the undertaking costly exploi unless they were sure of they were letting themsel for.

The third world countri their side, fear that too relatively unrestrained, se mining would mean that minerals as copper and c which are found in the m nese nodules on the floor, would lose their sc value and wreck the econ of some poorer countries depend on revenue from minerals.

This argument is rejecte British mineralogists as tifically unsound.

Apart from the Europ countries' proposals and th put forward by the group of there is also a United Sta draft proposal, which approach, is similar to British. Once again, there as on so many other issues be the conference is split betwe the highly industrialized sta and the developing world.

Ceylon judge unable to ease press curb

From Our Correspondent
Colombo, Aug 19

Mr Justice Percy Colin-Theme, in the Colombo High Court today refused an application by three shareholders of Independent Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd for an interim injunction on Mr Ridgeway Tillekeratne, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Broadcasting and Information, restraining him from preventing the publication of the company's newspapers and occupying their registered office and press.

Dr Waldheim gives warning on birthrate challenge

From Dessa Trevisan
Bucharest, Aug 19

Before an audience of some 3,000 delegates from some 130 countries, journalists and private individuals, many of whom were women representing a variety of feminist movements from the West, Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary General, today opened the World Population Conference on a note of cautious optimism. The conference, a turning point, as he described it, would provide the necessary impetus for action in resolving the world's demographic crisis.

Dr Waldheim spoke of the interdependence of six important issues confronting the world and demanding urgent attention—mass poverty, food supplies, utilization of energy, the world monetary system, military expenditure and the unprecedented rate of population growth.

These, he said, had leapt over national boundaries just as separate nations have become increasingly interconnected through ever-more complex international arrangements.

He spoke of the virtual certainty that the world's population will double over the next generation, turning the next 30 years into the greatest challenge the world ever was confronted with.

Although the emphasis was on the necessity to slow down the rate of population growth, Dr Waldheim conceded that some countries may feel that they lack the human resources needed to carry out their development programmes

In fact, the host country, Romania, is one such. Having made abortion a criminal offence and encouraged large families for several years, Romania's target now is to increase its population from the present 21 million to 25 million within the next four years, evidently seeing development as coming before population control,

Mr Ceausescu, the Romanian President, addressing the conference, aired his concern in many other subjects—the widening gap between rich and poor, the armaments race, inequality and "interference", neocolonialism and domination, the disadvantageous position of developing nations, problems of the environment and of pollution; but said nothing about rapid rates of population growth.

In other words, redistribution of world wealth rather than birth control was his theme in a speech which again reflected the passionate nationalism which is the basis of his political creed,

End of Sam Brownes

Pretoria, Aug 19.—The South African Army is to do away with Sam Browne belts, lanyards and swords, but the state President's guard will continue to wear swords.

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Fashion

by Prudence Glynn

A star is dressed

just discovered that I a victim of society. At society had not pre- me to find Julie in the flesh just as ble as her popular mage, if not more so. woman really be with- arent blemish of looks racter, and if she were, presented her truly, ot readers find the par- hard to identify with, rather dull? Miss obliging as ever met her, trod a neat ween the desire to pre- hat is after all a very property of perfection desire to provide me least a hint of some ed self that would y story a sensation.

ps there is another this woman: humans ible. Perhaps there is peck of dandruff some- n that "squeaky-clean" ut in looking for it I so disarrange her nce that my portrait ear no likeness to the Miss Andrews at 38 0 years younger and very proud father's laughter: tall, but not ; neatly rounded but garly so with a dear ist for a paternal arm; of games, and also l, surely, of some good public school, coming a comfortable house broker Sussex with a urt in the garden.

gh the proud father doubtless true, it was ho provided the home . A star at 12 when g at the London Hip- , she became a breadwinner. At 18 t to Broadway to star *Boyfriend* and had a uccess. Although she made a film for three as changed husbands, or two unsuccessful *tar*, the lifestory of e Lawrence, and *Darl-* , for example—I think observers the Andrews looks like one long hits. True she did not get the film part of Eliza Doolittle, which went to Audrey Hepburn, and she was disappointed, she says—how could she not be honest with those wide set grey eyes? But she did Mary Poppins instead.

This week her newest film, *The Tamarind Seed*, is premiered. Miss Andrews says it is "a love story" and she plays a high powered secretary to an even more high powered Home Office man. She is dressed for the part by Jorn Langberg, of Christian Dior, London. I was intrigued when Mr Langberg told me about the commission because I found it hard to equate a chic, sophisticated spy romance with the dirndles of *The Sound of Music*, which serves me right for forgetting that Miss Andrews is a professional actress and that professional actresses, if they are good, are canvases upon which the designer, director, tutor, character inscribe very different marks.

Miss Andrews says she shops for herself "in batches", never wears black because it brings up the red tones in her skin, likes browns and navy blue. She is obviously conscious of fashion because she was alarmed when the layered look came in, wondering how she herself could wear such a complicated style. She likes simple things, and things that wash, and pack and do not crush, so that she can retain the pristine image which is herself even in countries where laundering is poor. I should say a fortune awaits the designer who could provide just her look, just her cut and quality, in entirely easy-care materials.

Being dressed by Dior for her part in *The Tamarind Seed* taught her something, Miss Andrews says. Even though few secretaries, however high powered, could claim the privilege of a couture wardrobe, she thinks that the lessons of a few very good things with plenty of interchange potential is the basis of being well dressed. I was interested in the clothes from another angle. Why choose Dior for classic styles which must be made smart yet not datable, in colours which are not necessarily popular, which certainly are not what the average person would think of from a swanky French house? Is it not tremendously frustrating for a couturier to be hedged about with so many restrictions?

Three outfits designed by Christian Dior, London, exclusively for Julie Andrews. Above: Miss Andrews herself wears a cream suit of printed Shantung silk with a fitted jacket and pleated skirt. It contrasts beautifully with a dark brown silk blouse with same print collar and cuffs. Right: The Knitted cardigan with shawl collar and tie belt, in navy with a white strip, is teamed with a white crepe tie neck blouse and a navy crepe, with tiny white flower print, pleated skirt. Far right: A double pleated long shirt waister dress, with very full pleated sleeves, in pure silk white georgette.

Which brings me to the subject of the role of haute couture in 1974. Couture has had a thin time lately as the reporters cast their fashion pages.

But think what it has to offer in the way of experience and maturity. Of course the bride's mother must be properly dressed, the princess must not wear what the duchess will wear, the lord mayor's wife needs a word of confidence in her ear.

Couture started as a service. A service with strong creative overtones, no doubt, but still a service. A lady who could afford the time and the money to draw all her fashion problems together into one hand expected to be comfortably, distinctively, uniquely and above all appropriately turned out for any number of occasions. Though a great designer might show a season's line, it was not until after the Second World War that the designers took over the role of director of taste. Interestingly, it was Christian Dior himself who recast couture's role from Nurse to Juliet. American fashion was starved of ideas, private clients were bankrupt. The stores and the wholesale manufacturers were the direction in which a clever businessman like Dior, backed by another clever businessman, Marcel Boussac, might profitably look. Paco Rabanne has said that Christian Dior killed off haute couture by commercialization, but it would be also true to say that Dior had the entrepreneurial flair to see a radical change of role for couture.

Now, 25 years later, the role has changed again. I can see exactly why a producer dressing a great star would go to Dior for a secretary's outfit. Couture is again a service; Mr Langberg can cut a coat as elaborate or as simple as the client's wishes demand. He can charm in blue, pink, olive or aubergine, in spots or stripes, as the director requires. He can retain that *je ne sais quoi* which superb make gives to the simplest clothes so that Miss Andrews will look fashionable without screaming "1974" the second time her film comes around.

For his part, Mr Langberg loved dressing Miss Andrews. When I told him that I could not get over how pretty and neat and organized she was, how much I liked her saying that she loves being Mrs Blake Edwards, and sitting in the garden, and telling me about her children, he gently chided me. Miss Andrews," he said, was typically English. A Dane working for a French concern, he seems to find an eternal delight in this country, where marchionesses in esoteric costume are to be found hull down in the herbaceous border and there is still "thought and order". Certainly he is a superb manager for couture in this country.

As for Miss Andrews, if domestic indolence ever does overtake her, she has another career to hand. In August her second children's novel will be published here. It is called *The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles*, and she wrote it because she feels that too many children live life at second hand through television and do not have their eyes open to what is around them. Now, I have a theory that the nature of mythical beasts tells you a lot about their creator, so what sort of animal is a Whangdoodle—Miss Andrews's personal Holy Grail or Loch Ness Monster?

Well, he represents, as I understand it, the moral that if you try hard enough anything is possible. The Whangdoodle's motto is to rule by peace, love and a sense of humour. So far, so Poppins: predictable, perhaps. But the end of the book, which I shall not reveal, has a futuristic twist which is so unexpected coming from Miss Andrews that it makes me wonder whether after all society has misled me.

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30 September 1974.

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25 September 1974.

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21 September 1974.

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30 September 1974.

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Cricket

Glamorgan finish day with a chance of beating Hampshire

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

CARDIFF: Glamorgan, with eight second innings wickets in hand, need 214 runs to beat Hampshire.

On one of the loveliest days of the season, and on what is now a charming ground, Glamorgan, the bottom side in the championship, did better than they can have expected against Hampshire, who are top. Not only did they arrest the collapse which, on Saturday evening, had threatened them with an innings defeat; they even finished the day with a chance of winning

When Glamorgan went in after tea, needing 282 for victory, I gave little for their chances. There had been enough rain over the weekend and early yesterday morning for the pitch still to be drying out under a hot sun. Even Roberts came off after bowling only four overs, to make way for spin. But although young Nigel Cowley soon took his first first-class wicket, in his ninth championship match, having Ellis caught at mid-off, Jones and Davis added 40 together well enough for Hampshire to know that they would still be left with quite a lot to do today.

With Majid on tour with the Pakistanis, Jones is captaining Glamorgan and he was playing just the innings that they wanted when Jesty ran him out, going for a second to deep midwicket which he would have got away with against anything but a perfect throw. One of the strengths of this Hampshire side is their fielding: not only their catching, especially at slip and in the other close positions, but their throwing, too. Since coming into the side in June Cowley has earned his keep running batsmen out, and Jesty produced his throw last night when it was most needed.

Hampshire should win now. All season Glamorgan have beaten only Leicestershire, and Solanky is unlikely to bat today, having broken his finger going for a boundary catch. If Hampshire do win, the championship will be virtually theirs by tonight, even if Worcestershire, now in second place, beat Essex.

No one had more influence on yesterday's play than Roger Davis, who began by saving Glamorgan from the follow-on and has still to be got out in the match. Play began with Glamorgan's last three wickets needing 42 to make Hampshire bat again. The odds were stacked against them. If Roberts was withstood—he had seven for 17 on Saturday evening—the conditions were in Sainsbury's favour. But thanks to a few stout hits by Cordle, and to Davis attending to Roberts, Glamorgan were reprieved. But for this, the game would probably have been over by teatime.

As it was, Hampshire, and not Glamorgan, spent the last hour of the morning and the afternoon being bowled out. With an innings of 60 out of 89 Richards stood head and shoulders above Hampshire's other batsmen. Greenidge was very well caught and bowled, Nash fastening on to a stinging hit above his head; Gilliat was leg-before, aiming to leg; Jesty was bowled, swinging at the last ball of the morning. From lunchtime onwards Glamorgan's bowling was done mostly by their two off-spinners, Davis and Lloyd. Davis, who should have been the better of the two, was hit too much to leg; Lloyd, in his first championship game of the season, took three for 26 in 14 overs, including Richards, who missed a long hop.

On occasions like this, with the ball turning, most county attacks look hopelessly overweighted with medium pace. Glamorgan are no exception. Williams, Cordle, Nash and Solanky were ill suited by yesterday's wicket, just as Gregory Armstrong, their new acquisition from Barbados, would have been, had he been playing. Had someone gone down the road, though, to collect Don Shepherd, he would soon have been among the wickets.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings, 234 (98.1 overs) (R. M. C. Gilliat 65; M. A. Nash 5 for 73).

Second Innings
B. A. Richards, b Lloyd 60
C. G. Greenidge, c and b Nash .. 1
D. R. Turner, l-b-w, b Nash .. 5
* R. M. C. Gilliat, l-b-w, b Cordle 11
T. E. Jesty, b Cordle 3
P. J. Sainsbury, c Richards, b Lloyd 6
N. G. Cowley, b Lloyd 6
M. N. S. Taylor, c Cordle, b Davis 8
† G. R. Stephenson, c Hill, b Nash 19
R. S. Herman, c Lloyd, b Nash .. 10
A. M. E. Roberts, not out .. 2
Extras (l-b 3, n-b 3) .. 6
Total .. 137

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—7, 2—20, 3—41, 4—45, 5—89, 6—90, 7—101, 8—107, 9—135, 10—137.

BOWLING: Nash, 11.5—1—35—4; Williams, 5—0—11—0; Cordle, 11—3—23—2; Davis, 16—6—31—1; Solanky, 3—0—12—0; Lloyd, 14—7—26—3.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings
* A. Jones, c Richards, b Roberts 16
G. P. Ellis, c Sainsbury, b Roberts 8
R. C. Davis, not out 33
C. W. Hill, l-b-w, b Roberts .. 1
J. W. Solanky, b Roberts .. 0
G. Richards, b Roberts .. 0
† E. W. Jones, b Roberts .. 0
B. J. Lloyd, c Stephenson, b Roberts 0
A. E. Cordle, c Richards, b Roberts 16
M. A. Nash, c and b Sainsbury .. 2
D. L. Williams, run out .. 3
Extras (b 2, l-b 4, w 3, n-b 3) .. 12
Total (45.2 overs) .. 90

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—16, 2—29, 3—39, 4—41, 5—41, 6—41, 7—41, 8—63, 9—72, 10—90.

BOWLING: Roberts, 22—6—47—8; Herman, 7—0—21—0; Taylor, 5—2—4—0; Sainsbury, 10.2—7—6—1; Cowley, 1—1—0—0.

Second Innings
A. Jones, run out .. 33
G. P. Ellis, c Gilliat, b Cowley .. 11
R. C. Davis, not out 17
C. W. Hill, not out 7
Total (2 wkts) 68

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—19, 2—60.
Bonus points: Glamorgan 4, Hampshire 6.
Umpires: D. J. Constant and D. G. L. Evans.

Night-watchman stays to make century

By Alan Gibson

WORCESTER: Essex, with all their second innings wickets in hand, are 84 runs behind Worcestershire.

On Saturday Essex scored 264 runs and Worcestershire 65 for two. It then seemed a closely balanced match, but tilted slightly towards Essex when Glenn Turner, because of a knock on the elbow from Boyce, was unable to resume his innings yesterday morning.

There was already a night-watchman in residence, Inchmore, who was number eleven on the scoreboard and the scorecard, assuming you could find a scorecard, which is hard work at Worcester nowadays. He was joined at the beginning of play by Parker. Parker you know about. Inchmore is a burly moustached man of 25, who after experience in the Minor Counties, second XIs and the Birmingham League, last year battled his way into the Worcestershire side as their third seam bowler. He has bowled well enough, but it had not occurred to me to consider him as a batsman. His highest previous first-class score was 30, against Gloucestershire at Cheltenham last year

By tea, Inchmore had made a hundred. Parker had made a hundred by lunch. With the start at 11 o'clock this is not quite so difficult an achievement as it used to be, but it was an unexpected one from Parker, who is not usually one of the quickest scorers, though he always had high defensive qualities.

Inchmore's innings must be the most astonishing thing to happen in Worcester since the Parish Clerk of Ugborough was made Bishop. Inchmore likes to stand with his legs apart, fast-footed, and heave with shoulders and arms. So far, you might take him for another Jim Smith of Middlesex. But there is more to him than that. Sometimes he moves his feet, and cuts. He made one late cut which you would risk calling dainty, or delicate, if anyone else had made it. And as his confidence grew, he pushed the ball quite subtly into gaps on the leg side for ones and twos. Some of his drives echoed round the ground. It was, in the end, a proper innings, not a fluke—but that is not to say that Worcestershire have discovered a great new all-rounder.

The partnership ended at 331, when Inchmore, apparently in a daze (and who could blame him?), was run out. Worcestershire, who had taken all possible eight first innings points (Essex three) went on for a big lead, obviously the right tactic, declaring when they had reached 404 for eight in 117 overs. Of the later innings, Holder's was the best. I had the impression that he was anxious to show Inchmore how a tail-ender should really bat, but he did not quite have the overs to spare to demonstrate it in full.

Essex neither bowled nor fielded well—towards the end of the long partnership they looked slovenly—but batted with sense when they went in again. The pitch has been easy, but in the evening a good deal of dust was rising when the ball hit it, encouraging Gifford to set a close field for himself.

Yet Essex did not lose a wicket, though they had some close calls, and by the end had scored 56 in 33 overs. It is hard to see how Essex can win the match, but they could still save it: unless Inchmore, seizing the opportunity of the miraculous mood, does a hat-trick or two.

ESSEX: First Innings, 264 (81.5 overs) (R. E. East 54).

Second Innings
B. E. A. Edmeades, not out .. 24
B. R. Hardie, not out 29
Extras (b 3) 3
Total (no wkt) 56

* K. W. R. Fletcher, K. S. McEwan, R. M. O. Cooke, K. D. Boyce, S. Turner, † N. Smith, R. E. East, D. L. Acfield, J. K. Lever to bat.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
R. G. A. Headley, c Smith, b Lever 0
G. M. Turner, rtd hurt 39
J. A. Ormrod, st Smith, b East .. 15
J. D. Inchmore, run out 113
J. M. Parker, c sub, b Boyce .. 140
B. L. D'Oliveira, c McEwan, b Turner 11
T. J. Yardley, c sub, b Turner .. 5
* N. Gifford, c Hardie, b Turner 3
† H. G. Wilcock, not out 18
V. A. Holder, b Turner 23
B. M. Brain, not out 6
Extras (b 6, l-b 12, n-b 13) .. 31
Total (8 wkts, 118 overs) .. 404

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—32, 2—69, 3—331, 4—334, 5—351, 6—351, 7—386, 8—391.

BOWLING: Boyce, 38—5—123—1; Lever, 6—0—21—1; East, 28—10—74—1; Acfield, 17—4—68—0; Turner, 23—3—65—4; Edmeades, 6—0—22—0.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 8, Essex 3.
Umpires: H. D. Bird and T. W. Spencer.

Second XI competition

BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire II, 70 (D. Sydenham 4 for 17, C. Neller 4 for 45); Surrey II, 196 for 6 (C. J. Aworth 82).

STAVERTON: Warwickshire II, 179 for 7 dec (G. W. Humpage 63; D. N. Partridge 4 for 21); Gloucestershire II, 124 (P. J. Lewington 6 for 43).

URMSTON: Lancashire II, 32 (P. Roberts 8 for 13) and 58 (A. P. Pridgeon 5 for 23, Roberts 4 for 30); Worcestershire II, 67 (R. Ratcliffe 7 for 21) and 87 (Ratcliffe 6 for 33). Worcestershire II won by by 64 runs.

Today's cricket

MANCHESTER: Lancashire v Pakistanis XI (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Yorkshire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Hampshire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
DOVER: Kent v Gloucestershire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
LORD'S: Middlesex v Surrey (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset v Leicestershire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
BIRMINGHAM: Warwickshire v Sussex (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Essex (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
SECOND XI COMPETITION
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire II v Surrey II.
URMSTON: Lancashire II v Worcestershire II.
STAVERTON: Gloucestershire II v Warwickshire II.
MINOR COUNTIES
SIDMOUTH: Devon v Oxfordshire.
TAUNTON: Somerset II v Wiltshire.
JESMOND: Northumberland v Cheshire.

Virgin hits his sixth hundred of the year

By Peter Marson

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire, with nine second innings wickets in hand, need 92 runs to beat Nottinghamshire.

Those critics of the game of cricket who say that it is slow moving, boring and many other things, ought to have been here yesterday, where the pace was seldom less than hectic and the variety, absolute. We had a century from Virgin, his sixth this season, the rarity of Nottinghamshire, from the bottom of the table, roasting Northamptonshire, nearer the top, by seven bonus points to two, and five spin bowlers sharing 19 of 21 wickets to fall for 280 runs in the day. Add the last glimpse of Sobers, perhaps, the whirring of Harlech's television cameras recording this historic moment, and a feverish, expectant mood in the town inspired, we think, by the imminent presentation of Jeux Sans Frontières, and a rapturous day of cricket was complete.

Northamptonshire, who had lost the last hour and a quarter of the day's play on Saturday to rain, began again in the morning with a warm sun bearing down from blue skies, 24 runs on the board from 10.5 overs, with Virgin 21 and Tait three. The pitch was damp still but drying fast so Stead, who opened the bowling with White and his off spin, soon made way for Latchman and his leg spin. Initially White was more effective, his accuracy clearly defined in his analysis after 11 overs when he had taken the first wicket, that of Tait, for six runs. That was with the score 42 of which Tait's share had been eight runs made in 81 minutes and 24 overs. This inactive passage was ended by a rather timid, lazy stroke and White holding a catch off his own bowling.

By now, Virgin had completed a thorough survey of the bowling and field placing and he was ready to move on to the attack. Steele was fast becoming the partner Virgin needed when, to his annoyance, he, too, offered a catch to the bowler. This time it was Latchman. Sobers made his entrance at this point, and at luncheon a searching spell of slow left-arm bowling had brought him the wicket of Cook for 31 runs in 11 overs.

Northamptonshire were then 130 for three from 58 overs and Virgin within 10 runs of his third 100 this month. Virgin had accelerated to his fourteenth half-century this season and beyond, by way of some splendid off-driving and, off the back foot, cover driving, and when Latchman, chiefly, and White pitched short, pulls through midwicket. At the other end Willey's diligence had been the greatest help.

Although it took Virgin another 11 overs to make those 10 runs, this had been his fastest 100 and he had hit 12 fours in 186 minutes. The partnership for the fourth wicket, worth 66 in 32 overs, was broken almost at once when Latchman bowled Willey for 30. Watts was soon gone and, after him, Sharp. There remained time only for a firm drive from Virgin to hit Stead amidships, an event that caused much merriment in Nottinghamshire's camp, before Latchman and White ferreted out the remaining four batsmen, Virgin included, for 20 runs. Latchman, of the broad, cheerful smile, filled a bag of wickets, six to be exact, for 85, and White three for 54.

Northamptonshire's decline had been pretty swift, but that which followed would take some beating, for in just 104 minutes Nottinghamshire had been routed for 67 runs.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings, 361 for 4 (100 overs) (M. J. Harris 105, B. S. Hassan 67).

Second Innings
† M. J. Harris, l-b-w, b Cottam .. 4
P. A. Todd, b Bedi 0
B. Hassan, c Swinburn, b Cottam 4
M. J. Smedley, c and b Swinburn 31
G. S. Sobers, c Cottam, b Swinburn 4
D. W. Randall, c Steele, b Swinburn 10
R. A. White, c Sharp, b Swinburn 0
* J. D. Bond, c Cook, b Bedi .. 8
H. C. Latchman, c Willey, b Swinburn 3
B. Stead, b Bedi 1
W. Taylor, not out 0
Extras (l-b 1, w 1) .. 2
Total 67

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—4, 2—9, 3—9, 4—20, 5—44, 6—44, 7—55, 8—59, 9—60, 10—67.

BOWLING: Cottam, 7—2—15—2; Hodgson, 2—2—0—0; Bedi, 14.2—4—33—3; Swinburn, 11—3—22—5.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings
R. T. Virgin, c Hassan, b Latchman 111
A. Tait, c and b White 8
D. S. Steele, c and b Latchman 10
G. Cook, l-b-w, b Sobers .. 31
P. Willey, b Latchman 30
* P. J. Watts, b Latchman .. 3
† G. Sharp, c Taylor, b Latchman 10
A. Hodgson, c Sobers, b White 1
R. S. Bedi, c Hassan, b Latchman 1
J. Swinburn, not out 4
R. M. H. Cottam, c Hassan, b White 5
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 1) .. 2
Total (83.1 overs) .. 196

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—42, 2—63, 3—91, 4—160, 5—168, 6—179, 7—180, 8—187, 9—188, 10—196.

BOWLING: Stead, 8—1—19—0; Taylor, 2—0—5—0; White, 38.1—16—54—3; Latchman, 37—2—85—6; Sobers, 13—1—31—1.

Second Innings
R. T. Virgin, not out 19
A. Tait, c Sobers, b White .. 5
D. S. Steele, not out 16
Extras (l-b 1) 1
Total (1 wkt) 41

FALL OF WICKET: 1—16.
Bonus points: Northamptonshire 2, Nottinghamshire 7.
Umpires: C. S. Elliott and W. L. Budd.

Middlesex v Surrey

AT LORD'S

SURREY: First Innings, 308 (99 overs) (J. H. Edrich 54, A. R. Butcher 57; M. W. W. Selvey 6 for 109).

Second Innings
L. E. Skinner, l-b-w, b Titmus .. 5
* J. H. Edrich, not out 20
G. P. Howarth, b Edmonds .. 10
Younis Ahmed, l-b-w, b Titmus .. 7
Extras (n-b 1) 1
Total (3 wkts) 43

G. R. J. Roope, S. J. Storey, R. D. Jackman, A. R. Butcher, † A. Long, P. I. Pocock, A. O. C. Verrinder to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—9, 2—26, 3—43.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings
R. D. Butcher, c Verrinder, b Pocock 27
M. J. Smith, c Long, b Jackman 7
P. H. Edmonds, c Butcher, b Pocock 19
* J. M. Brearley, c Skinner, b Jackman 17
C. T. Radley, b Jackman .. 6
N. G. Featherstone, c Roope, b Pocock 20
† J. T. Murray, b Pocock .. 15
F. J. Titmus, not out 81
M. W. W. Selvey, b Jackman .. 3
J. S. E. Price, c sub, b Verrinder 15
T. M. Lamb, not out 40
Extras (b 1, l-b 9, n-b 17) .. 27
Total (9 wkts, 101 overs) 277

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—21, 2—46, 3—66, 4—82, 5—82, 6—108, 7—129, 8—151, 9—200.

BOWLING: Jackman, 28—11—60—4; Butcher, 9—5—14—0; Pocock, 34—12—113—4; Roope, 14—2—46—0; Verrinder, 6—1—18—1.

Bonus points: Middlesex 7, Surrey 8.
Umpires: J. G. Langridge and W. E. Phillipson.

Somerset v Leicester

AT WESTON-SUPER-MARE

SOMERSET: First Innings, 181 (71.3 overs) (D. B. Close 59; G. D. McKenzie 5 for 41)

Second Innings
† D. J. S. Taylor, lbw, b McKenzie 6
G. I. Burgess, c Birkenshaw, b McKenzie 5
P. W. Denning, run out 29
I. V. A. Richards, b McVicker .. 11
* D. B. Close, not out 107
J. M. Parks, c Davison, b McKenzie 66
I. T. Botham, c Humphries, b McVicker 4
D. Breakwell, not out 23
Extras (b 3, l-b 8, n-b 2) .. 13
Total (6 wkts) 267

M. J. Kitchen, B. A. Langford, H. R. Moseley to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—4, 2—26, 3—45, 4—101, 5—235, 6—246.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings
B. Dudleston, l-b-w, b Botham .. 33
J. F. Steele, run out 5
M. E. J. C. Norman, l-b-w, b Burgess 25
B. F. Davison, b Botham .. 2
D. Humphries, l-b-w, b Botham .. 0
J. G. Tolchard, l-b-w, b Burgess 2
R. W. Tolchard, not out .. 17
J. Birkenshaw, l-b-w, b Moseley 1
N. M. McVicker, b Botham .. 10
G. D. McKenzie, l-b-w, b Langford 0
* K. Higgs, b Botham 1
Extras (b 20, w 1, n-b 9) .. 30
Total (71.2 overs) .. 131

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—32, 2—32, 3—56, 4—56, 5—79, 6—80, 7—81, 8—127, 9—128, 10—131.

BOWLING: Moseley, 23—9—33—1; Botham, 28.2—8—57—5; Burgess, 20—13—17—2; Langford, 5—1—2—1.

Bonus points: Somerset 5, Leicestershire 4.
Umpires: C. Cook and P. B. Wight.

Kent v Gloucester

AT DOVER

KENT: First Innings, 301 for 6 dec (99.3 overs) (M. C. Cowdrey 119 not out, M. H. Denness 56)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
A. W. Stovold, b Johnson 16
R. B. Nicholls, b Elms 0
R. D. V. Knight, c Woolmer, b Underwood 2
D. A. Graveney, c Johnson, b Underwood 1
M. J. Procter, b Johnson 50
D. R. Shepherd, c Knott, b Underwood 0
* A. S. Brown, c Knott, b Johnson 8
A. J. Hignell, st Knott, b Underwood 20
J. B. Mortimore, b Underwood .. 0
† A. J. Brassington, c Denness, b Underwood 1
J. Davey, not out 3
Extras (b 9, l-b 7) 16
Total (57 overs) 117

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—17, 3—19, 4—19, 5—19, 6—64, 7—90, 8—96, 9—106, 10—117.

BOWLING: Graham, 9—0—26—0; Elms, 5—1—6—1; Underwood, 24—12—38—6; Johnson, 21—10—31—3.

Second Innings
A. W. Stovold, c Cowdrey, b Underwood 41
R. B. Nicholls, not out 14
A. S. Brown, not out 9
Extras (l-b 1, w 1, n-b 2) .. 4
Total (1 wkt) 68

FALL OF WICKET: 1—56.
Bonus points: Kent 8, Gloucestershire 2.
Umpires: J. F. Crapp and D. J. Halfyard.

Derby v Yorkshire

AT CHESTERFIELD

YORKSHIRE: First Innings, 254 for 8 (100 overs) (G. Boycott 59, R. G. Lumb 100; S. Venkataraghavan 4 for 77).

Second Innings
* G. Boycott, c and b Miller .. 66
R. G. Lumb, c Russell, b Ward .. 4
B. Leadbeater, c Venkataraghavan, b Russell 10
J. H. Hampshire, c Taylor, b Venkataraghavan 11
R. A. Hutton, c Russell, b Miller 1
C. M. Old, c Ward, b Miller .. 33
† D. L. Bairstow, c Miller, b Venkataraghavan 10
P. Carrick, not out 17
G. A. Cope, not out 1
Extras (l-b 7) 7
Total (7 wkts) 160

A. G. Nicholson, A. L. Robinson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—15, 2—41, 3—70, 4—79, 5—123, 6—124, 7—141.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings
L. G. Rowe, b Carrick 37
M. H. Page, c Bairstow, b Old .. 6
A. J. Harvey-Walker, c Hutton, b Old 39
H. Cartwright, b Carrick .. 13
* J. B. Bolus, c Hampshire, b Carrick 6
G. Miller, b Carrick 9
† R. W. Taylor, l-b-w, b Nicholson 27
S. Venkataraghavan, c Hutton, b Carrick 24
P. E. Russell, c Lumb, b Carrick 1
M. Hendrick, c Bairstow, b Nicholson 9
A. Ward, not out 1
Extras (b 12, l-b 5, n-b 11) .. 28
Total (94.2 overs) .. 199

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—10, 2—80, 3—107, 4—115, 5—130, 6—131, 7—150, 8—178, 9—198, 10—199.

BOWLING: Old, 18—11—14—2; Nicholson, 15.2—4—41—2; Robinson, 6—2—14—0; Cope, 23—8—58—0; Carrick, 32—15—46—6.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 4, Yorkshire 7.
Umpires: A. G. T. Whitehead and A. E. Fagg.

Warwick v Sussex

AT BIRMINGHAM

SUSSEX: First Innings, 139 (47.4 overs) (J. D. Morley 53; E. E. Hemmings 4 for 32).

Second Innings
G. A. Greenidge, c Murray, b Willis 14
J. D. Morley, c Murray, b Brown 0
J. R. T. Barclay, lbw, b Brown .. 2
P. J. Graves, b Willis 19
A. W. Greig, c Murray, b Brown 15
* M. G. Griffith, b Rouse .. 1
M. A. Buss, c Willis, b Rouse .. 4
† A. W. Mansell, not out .. 30
J. A. Snow, c Murray, b A. Smith 46
C. E. Waller, lbw, b A. Smith .. 0
C. P. Phillipson, b Rouse .. 1
Extras (l-b 4, n-b 4) .. 8
Total 140

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—5, 2—11, 3—25, 4—45, 5—50, 6—54, 7—59, 8—125, 9—135, 10—140.

BOWLING: Willis, 12—0—49—2; Brown, 14—1—31—3; Rouse, 11.5—6—11—3; Hemmings, 14—7—25—0; A. Smith, 7—0—16—2.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings
D. L. Amiss, c Mansell, b Snow .. 10
J. A. Jameson, b Waller .. 32
R. N. Abberley, c Morley, b Snow 21
M. J. K. Smith, c Graves, b Waller 55
A. I. Kallicharran, c Greenidge, b Greig 21
† D. L. Murray, l-b-w, b Phillipson 17
E. E. Hemmings, b Snow .. 11
S. J. Rouse, b Snow .. 4
* A. C. Smith, c Barclay, b Snow 12
R. G. D. Willis, not out .. 3
D. J. Brown, l-b-w, b Snow .. 0
Extras (l-b 4, n-b 2) .. 6
Total (70 overs) 193

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—30, 2—63, 3—73, 4—102, 5—140, 6—176, 7—176, 8—182, 9—193, 10—193.

BOWLING: Snow, 26—5—56—6; Greig, 19—3—74—1; Waller, 9—2—25—2; Phillipson, 9—3—18—1; Buss, 7—2—16—0.

Second Innings
R. G. D. Willis, not out 2
D. L. Amiss, not out 0
Total (no wkt) 2

Bonus points: Warwickshire 5, Sussex 4.
Umpires: A. Jepson and R. Julian.

Lancashire v Pakistanis

AT MANCHESTER

PAKISTANIS: First Innings
Sadiq Mohammad, l-b-w, b Lever 0
Majid Khan, b Hughes 61
Zaheer Abbas, c Hayes, b Hughes 18
Mushtaq Mohammad, l-b-w, b Simmons 92
* Asif Iqbal, c Abrahams, b Hughes 65
Wasim Raja, not out 39
Extras (b 1, n-b 6) 7
Total (5 wkts dec) .. 282

Aftab Baloch, Imran Khan, † Wasim Bari, Sarfraz Nawaz, Asif Masood did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—7, 2—42, 3—88, 4—201, 5—282.

BOWLING: Lever, 13—1—49—1; Shuttleworth, 15—0—54—0; Hughes, 27—7—77—3; Simmons, 20—3—95—1.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings
* D. Lloyd, c Zaheer, b Asif Iqbal 24
A. Kennedy, c Sadiq, b Masood .. 27
F. C. Hayes, c Wasim Bari, b Masood 18
H. Pilling, not out 60
J. Abrahams, c Wasim Bari, b Sarfraz 18
B. W. Reidy, c Sarfraz, b Zaheer 39
Extras (b 1, l-b 2, n-b 2) .. 5
Total (5 wkts) 191

D. P. Hughes, J. Simmons, † J. Lyon, K. Shuttleworth, P. Lever to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—41, 2—72, 3—71, 4—114, 5—191.

Umpires: W. E. Alley and A. E. G. Rhodes.

Titmus helps Middlesex to recovery

Fred Titmus, in the running for the off-spinner's place in MCC's Australian tour party, led Middlesex to a fighting recovery against Surrey at Lord's yesterday. Titmus, 42 in November, scored a timely 81 not out, to pass 50 in the championship for the first time in six years, after arriving at the wicket with Middlesex reeling at 108 for six in reply to Surrey's 308.

He then captured two wickets for 18 in 12.1 overs, removing Skinner and Younis leg before. Surrey, leading by only 31 on the first innings, struggled to 43 for three by the close.

Gloucestershire, trapped on a drying pitch at Dover, were put out for 117 by Kent spinners, Derek Underwood and Graham Johnson, and followed on 184 behind. Underwood took six for 38, his best figures of the season for Kent, and Johnson had three for 31.

Gloucestershire found batting easier when they went in again and Stovold and Nicholls defied the spinners for 75 minutes in an opening stand of 56 before Stovold was caught at second slip off Underwood for 41. At the close, Gloucestershire were 68 for one.

Pakistan batted entertainingly at Old Trafford to reach 282 for five before declaring. In reply Lancashire had scored 191 for five by the close.

Mushtaq and Asif put on 113 runs in 96 minutes. Asif fell for 65 and Mushtaq was on 92 when, trying to reach his hundred before lunch, was leg before to Simmons to the last ball.

David Lloyd and Andrew Kennedy indulged in a crawl when Lancashire batted. Lloyd scored 24 in 20 overs and Kennedy 27 in 28 overs. It was left to Reidy and Pilling to push the score along.

Minor Counties

FELIXSTOWE: Suffolk, 237 for 5 dec and 159 for 6 dec (A. G. Warrington 50); Bedfordshire, 220 for 7 dec and 111 for 9 (R. E. Cunnell 3 for 39; P. H. Jones 4 for 37). Match drawn.

TAUNTON: Wiltshire, 167 (R. J. Clapp 3 for 28); Somerset II, 116 for 4 (P. M. Roebuck 51).

SIDMOUTH: Oxfordshire, 170 (D. I. Yeabsley 5 for 41) and 6 for 1; Devonshire, 115 for 9 dec (R. C. Morgan-Jones 65; B. Jeffries 5 for 30).

Football

West Ham punish Luton mistakes

A leap by Billy Bonds makes it 2—0.

By Norman Fox

West Ham 2 Luton 0

All the indiscretions that Luton Town committed but that were not fully punished by Liverpool on Saturday were repeated in their second first division match of the season at Upton Park last night, and West Ham United accepted them with the appreciation of a side knowing that such opportunities rarely come their way. After a 4—0 defeat at Manchester City two days before, West Ham needed the psychological revival.

Where Liverpool had failed to be hard on the newcomers, West Ham made quick, piercing strides through an uncertain defence and soon played Anderson and West out of possession, so depriving Luton of their most constructive partners. Butlin, the high target of Luton's attack, was also given far less room than by Liverpool, and the result was seen less than six minutes from the start.

In that early moment, before Luton settled, West Ham scored, and the main offender was the Luton goalkeeper, Horn, who is already finding first division football a trial of his limitations. McDowell's high centre into the penalty area should have been covered by Horn, who was disturbed by Best's sudden movement across his path. His half-clearance carried the ball only as far as Lampard, who seemed to slide a foot under the ball and yet sent it with solid accuracy back into the Luton goal, over all the heads and into the net.

Undoubtedly, Luton will soon learn to expect no generosity when achieving little themselves, and certainly some of their football deserved a little more appreciation than the derisory cheers that met their hardest shot of the first 20 minutes—though admittedly it lodged in a grandstand gutter, and the marksman should remain anonymous. In the meantime, they found West Ham's attacking from deep midfield far faster than anything they encountered last season. Brooking and Best could not be mastered and both caused dangerous moments before a corner by Paddon was efficiently headed in at a right angle by Bonds at the near post. Again, it was the speed at which West Ham moved into position that confounded Luton—even in what was basically a dead ball situation.

Not even Garner's long throws of the first 40 minutes, before he had to leave the field, caused West Ham the concern shown by Liverpool. Conversely, one should not be over-excited by West Ham's exhibition—it was not exceptional, neither did it make their manager's present search for a new forward seem any less important. Though they always had Brooking to infiltrate the Luton defence with his whispering runs, there was not enough solid finishing, except, perhaps, from their midfield and defensive pirates who, on more difficult days, will be less free.

At least Luton saved
could easily have become
moralizing hammering.
Ryan managed to keep D
the West Ham goal, from
dancy with a fine shot th
goalkeeper held, and twice
son made good use of fr
possession. Small reward
that is all that Luton can
in these higher circles.

WEST HAM UNITED: M.
McDowell, F. Lampard, W.
Taylor, K. Lock, P. Holland,
don, J. Ayris, T. Brooking.
LUTON TOWN: G. Hor
Ryan, R. Thomson, P. And
Litt, A. Garner (sub, D. Sh
Aston, J. Husband, B. Butlin,
G. Hindson.

Referee: R. Kirkpatrick (Lei

Wood might not be enough for Forest

By Gerald Sinstadt

Millwall 3 Nottingham Forest 0

A splendid performance by Gordon Hill, scoring two goals and setting up the third, gave Millwall victory over Nottingham Forest at the Den last night. Still only 20, Hill is a player of ideas with the desire and an unhurried ability to put them into practice—qualities not notably abundant in the second division.

This match prompted some pertinent thoughts about this season's possible pecking order, for last Saturday Millwall were roundly beaten on the same pitch by Sunderland. Although these are early days, Forest's manager, Allan Brown, will not be deceived into thinking that all his team needs is time.

Forest were skilful in spasms, but there was an ominous lack of good shooting. Almost their only worthwhile effort, a drive by Denneay which King turned against a post, did not come until two minutes from the end. And none of their deftness in midfield compensated for their moments of daftness in both penalty areas.

Galley was the most spectacular culprit, slicing wide of an empty net from five yards, but his was not the only elementary error. Ten minutes before half-time Peacock dropped a high free kick from Saul, leaving Hill the easiest of tasks to score.

All the Nottingham defenders had jittery moments. A miskick by Cottam across his own goal was wildly scooped over the bar by Chapman. In the second half Jones was rescued by the swift reaction of his goalkeeper as an attempted clearance skidded from the top of his boot.

These shortcomings inevitably devalue to some extent Millwall's margin of victory. Nevertheless, with Saul an energetic worker and the forwards gaining in understanding as the game progressed, there was a basis for some optimism.

Hill's second goal, just before the hour, arose from an error by Chapman. But Wood's centre and the winger's header were immaculately executed. Eight minutes from the end, Hill created the best goal of the game with an artful centre which Kelly glanced with his head past Peacock.

Forest's need to spend some of the £240,000 they received for the
transfer of McKenzie to
United becomes more urgen
Brown has been showing ir
in Millwall's Wood. While
by no means another McKen
last night's evidence his
endeavour and robust drive
do no harm, but perha
enough good.

MILLWALL: B. King; D. D
B. Brown, A. Dorney, B. Kitc
Saul, D. Smethurst, A. Wood,
M. Kelly (sub, S. Brown), G
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: D.
L. O'Kane, D. Jones, S. Cha
Cottam, P. Richardson, M. D
Lyall, J. Galley (sub, I. Bo
Robertson, A. Woodcock.
Referee: R. C. Crabb (Exete

Davies, the Blackpool
forward who was placed on
transfer list last week, has jo
Crystal Palace on a month's
and will make his appeara
against Tranmere Rovers on Sa
day.

With Souness clear of sus
sion, Middlesbrough recall
Scottish under-23 internatio
wing half for the home match wi
Carlisle United tonight. Soun
takes over in midfield, allow
the England under-23 cap Madd
to revert to his defensive wing-
role. Taylor, who deputized
sweeper in the opening 3—0 lea
win over Birmingham City, is
out.

Clough pays his former club £125,000 for two

Brian Clough, the Leeds United manager, last night paid Derby County, his former club, a joint fee of £125,000 for John O'Hare, a former Scotland striker, and John McGovern, a former Scotland under-23 midfield player. Mr Clough was given permission to approach the players yesterday afternoon and completed the deal in a Derby hotel for a figure which represents about £75,000 for McGovern and £50,000 for O'Hare.

"They are both players of character and skill and they give me cover at a time when injuries and suspensions are a real problem", Mr Clough said.

Both players were signed by Mr Clough in his early days at Derby. O'Hare cost £25,000 from Sunderland in August 1967, and McGovern £7,000 from Hartlepool the following season. Neither player has been able to command a regular first-team place since Mr Clough left Derby last October. They are expected to appear in the Leeds team who play Queen's Park Rangers at Elland Road tomorrow.

Hunter will almost certainly play against Arsenal at Highbury today despite the fact that he has been put on the transfer list by Ipswich Town. The 28-year-old Northern Ireland centre half has refused to sign a new contract with the club, but Bobby Robson, the manager, has no plans to drop Hunter. "Hunter seems to have made up his mind that he wants to move and, in view of his determined attitude, I have taken steps to put him on offer", Mr Robson said.

Griffiths back in line for Welsh cap

Arfon Griffiths, aged 32, the Wrexham midfield player who has been out of the international limelight since he made his first appearance for Wales against Czechoslovakia in 1970, is in line for a second cap when he travels with the 16-strong party for the European championship first leg clash with Austria in Vienna on September 4.

PARTY: G. Sprake (Birmingham City), J. Phillips (Chelsea), Thomas (Derby County), J. Jones (Wrexham), J. Roberts (Birmingham City, captain), L. Phillips (Cardiff City), D. Roberts (Oxford United), M. Page (Birmingham City), J. Mahoney (Stoke City), L. Cartwright (Coventry City), T. Yorath (Leeds United), A. Griffiths (Wrexham), J. Toshack (Liverpool), L. James (Burnley), G. Reece (Cardiff City), D. Smallman (Wrexham).

Results yesterday

League Cup, first round
BRISTOL C (1) 2 CARDIFF (0) 1
Sweeney, Merrick McInch
(8,813)

First division
WEST HAM (2) 2 LUTON (0) 0
Lampard, Bonds
(23,182)

Second division
MILLWALL (1) 3 NOTT F (0) 0
Hill (2), Kelly
(7,309)

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford 2, Cambridge City 3. First division, north: Kidderminster 1, Tamworth 3; Stevenage 3, King's Lynn 2; Worcester 0, Redditch 3. First division, south: Salisbury 1, Waterlooville 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Dagenham 2, Clapton 0. Second division: Southall 2, St Albans 2; Woking-ham 1, Chesham 0.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Second division: Addlestone 2, Harrow 0.

Today's footba

League Cup, first round
Barnsley v Halifax Town (7.30)
Bradford City v Darlington (7.30)
Bristol Rovers v Plymouth (7.30).
Bury v Oldham Athletic (7.30)
Colchester United v Oxford (7.30).
Charlton Athletic v Peterborough (7.30).
Doncaster Rovers v Mansfield (7.30).
Newport County v Torquay (7.15).
Preston North End v Rochdale
Rotherham United v Linco (7.15).
Scunthorpe United v Sheffield day (7.15).
Swindon Town v Portsmouth (
Northampton Town v Port Vale
Wrexham v Crewe Alexandra

First division
Arsenal v Ipswich Town (7.
Birmingham City v Leice (7.30).
Everton v Stoke City (7.30).
Middlesbrough v Carlisle Unit
Wolverhampton Wanderers (7.30).

Second division
Blackpool v Orient (7.30), B
Hull City v Aston Villa (7
Notts County v Fulham (7.30
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: P
sion: Atherstone v Tel
(7.30); Burton v Stourbr
Maidstone v Dover (7.30
Tonbridge (7.15); Romfor
and Dorking (7.30) Weald
ford: Weymouth v Ba
Wimbledon v Yeovil (7.30
sion, north: AP Leamingt
(7.30); Corby v
(7.30); Dunstable v Bed
Tydfil v Witney Town (6
Keynes v Wellingborough
division, south: Ashford v
Police (7.30); Hastings v
(7.30).
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Firs
(7.30): Enfield v Bishop's
Hayes v Walton and Hersham
v Hitchin Town; Ilford v Sutto
Kingstonian v Bromley; Leat
Dulwich Hamlet; Leytonstone
and Mitcham United; Wal
Avenue v Barking; Wycombe W
v Slough Town.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First
Alton v Marlow (6.30); Che
Ware (7.30); Grays Athletic v
Town (7.30); Hounslow v Hor
(7.30); Leyton v Erith and B
(7.30); Ruislip Manor v
(6.30); Worthing v Redhill (6.
NORTHERN PREMIER L
Goole v Matlock (7.30); Lanc
Netherfield (7.30); Stafford Ra
South Liverpool (7.30).

Golf

Robertson finds his form after a slow start

David Robertson, the 17-year-old holder from Dunbar, had to play only 13 holes to reach the third round of the British boys' golf championship at Royal Liverpool yesterday. Robertson, winner of the Scottish boys' and British youths' titles already this year, was only one over par in gaining a win by 6 and 5 over Nigel Whalley from Dorset.

The young Scot was slow to get into his stride after jarring his wrist on the practice ground before going out to play. He was only two up when he reached the turn, but soon put on the pressure. He won each of the next four holes for the match, with birdies at the 12th and 13th.

Sandy Lyle, the 16-year-old England boy captain, had an equally smooth passage into the third round. He was never pressed in beating David Durbin from Wiltshire

Four up after only six holes, Lyle had one setback when he lost the short 11th and he finished the match with a four-yard putt for a birdie three at the 15th.

The biggest surprise of the day was the defeat of Brian Whitby, an England boy international.

FIRST ROUND: D. Carick (Douglas Park) beat N. T. Madden (Pleasington), 7 and 6; R. A. Jones (Rhuddlan) beat J. F. Watts (Cotswold Hills), 2 holes; P. J. Skerritt (Walmley) beat P. Armour (France), 6 and 4; M. J. S. Sarsfield (Allerton Park) beat G. D. Ferguson (Formby), 1 hole; A. J. Sutcliffe (North Manchester) beat S. N. White (Newcastle-under-Lyme), 5 and 3; J. S. Dodson (Penrith) beat W. A. Fireland (Ballochmyle), 1 hole; C. McLean (Dumfries and Galloway) beat E. Powell (North Foreland), 3 and 2; G. S. Taylor (Montrose Mercantile) beat T. Palmore (Mavlands), 2 and 1; M. Lewis (Henbury) beat P. A. Holden (Alnmouth), 3 and 1; P. Dickinson (Rothley Park) beat K. E. Tucker (Saltburn), 3 and 2; T. Clark (Allerton Park) beat D. Collinson (Blackpool North Shore), 2 and 1; R. Marchbank (Auchterarder) beat G. Futher (Chelmsford), 2 and 1; K. J. Fingleton (Thorndon) beat C. R. Dell (Stoke Poges), 2 and 1; D. N. Hunter (Gosforth) beat T. H. W. Priday (Aldeburgh), 3 and 2; I. Hay (Musselburgh) beat N. A. Upton (Walmer and Kingsdown), 5 and 3; M. T. Lathan (Tyneside) beat P. R. Marshall (Stourbridge), at the 19th.

K. R. Waters (Scunthorpe) beat I. O. Peebles (East Renfrewshire), 3 and 1; H. B. Jolly (Blackwell Grange), wo. D. Williamson (Beverley and East Riding), scr; P. R. Thomas (Sudbury) beat S. E. Ambridge (West Herts), 3 and 2; A. Evans (Wenvoe Castle) beat I. C. Morrison (Balerno), at the 19th; I. H. Woosnam (Llanymynech) beat R. Houston (Cairndhu), 1 hole; N. R. Davies (Pontypool) beat R. North (West Bowling), 1 hole; D. Clark (Frinton-on-Sea) beat R. B. Shaw (Woodsome Hall), 2 and 1; S. R. Meiklejohn (Aberdour) beat S. J. Long (Seascale), 6 and 4.

I. G. H. Cockayne (Lincoln) beat A. Hamer (Manchester), 3 and 2; A. J. Greenfield (Hazel Grove) beat P. Isherwood (Worthing), 1 hole; A. Jackson (Burnham Beeches) beat A. Hobbs (Low Laithes), 5 and 4; W. Taylor (Brechin) wo A. W. Brown (Carnoustie), scr; H. A. N. Stott (Nelson) beat M. S. Ward (Frinton), 2 and 1; J. W. L. Gatward (Frinton-on-Sea) beat M. A. West (Warley), 2 and 1; P. McGarry (South Staffs) beat D. J. Williams (Maesdu), 5 and 4; A. J. Flather (Ilkley) beat M. D. White (Mendip), 2 and 1.

A. W. B. Lyle (Hawkstone Park) beat A. M. Durbin (Chipping Sodbury), 5 and 4; N. Faldo (Welwyn Garden City) beat J. J. Brown (Lees Hall), 3 and 2; I. Carmdan (Ballybunion) beat D. Alexander (Hilton Park), 8 and 6; A. Webster (Edzell) beat M. J. Geary (Bushy Hall), 3 and 2; A. Quinlan (Galcot Park) wo beat P. J. Marlow (Sandilands), scr; G. A. Carson (Scunthorpe) beat H. Watson (Dollar), at the 20th; N. Coombes (West Wilts) beat E. G. Whitby (Rochester and Cobham Park), 4 and 2; R. A. Pickwell (Rugby and Northants Co) beat M. Quaid (Galway), 1 hole.

C. Bonner (Barton-on-Sea) beat J. M. Priestland (Glamorgan), 1 hole; N. Freeman (Wollaton Park) beat T. W. Duncan (Newburgh-on-Ythan), 6 and 5; M. N. Shaw (Ormskirk) beat J. R. Hoskisson (Effingham), 5 and 4; D. J. Dible (Aberdour) beat S. Fernyhough (Whittington Barracks), 6 and 4; J. N. S. Clegg (Sandiway) wo S. Sullivan (Cyprus) scr; R. Tate (Glamorgan) beat M. F. Gilroy (West Lancs), 3 and 1; P. J. Davies (Royal Mid-Surrey) beat M. W. M. Self (Cuddington), 4 and 3; H. A. McLure (Walton Heath) beat J. Levisohn (Kenilworth), 5 and 3.

A. P. Higgins (Worthing) beat J. S. Southworth (Preston), 2 and 1; D. H. Niven (Newbury and Crookham) beat S. Verity (Scarcroft), 6 and 5; A. F. Donmore (Bishopbriggs) beat P. M. Carroll (Howley Hall), 4 and 3; K. McKenna (Fairhaven) beat C. G. Pexton (Whittington Barracks), 6 and 5; N. M. Chesses (Shirley) beat G. J. S. Martin (Maidenhead), 1 hole; N. O. Fruze (Rugby) beat P. G. Well (Radyr), 1 hole; A. McGhee (Gog Magog) beat S. P. Hilton (Otley), 1 hole; T. D. Griffiths (Mere) beat G. Place (Faversham), 3 and 1.

M. H. Crossley (Moortown) beat R. A. Packham (Sundridge Park), 3 and 2; R. Barker (Pleasington) beat D. C. Rennie (Kilmacolm), at the 19th; J. R. Hall (Filton) beat D. Thomson (Oakdale), 3 and 2; I. D. Newbury (Delamere Forest) wo P. D. Long (Cardiff), scr.

SECOND ROUND: M. Ward (Bury) beat S. R. Collins (Colby), 4 and 3; R. Thomson (Whickham) beat R. Shaw (Barnsley), 5 and 3; K. Weeks (Brockenhurst Manor) beat G. Moynan (Kilkenny), 4 and 3; D. A. Robertson (Dunbar) beat N. K. Whalley (Parkstone), 6 and 5.

S. Risborough (Bognor Regis) beat D. J. Brown (Royal Burgess), at the 19th; P. G. Hammonds (Otley Park) beat R. Chapman (Amersham), 5 and 4; G. C. Brogier (Moortown) beat A. J. Hall (Doncaster), 3 and 1; P. O'Hanah (Warren Point) beat M. S. Nicholson (Whitefield), 7 and 6; I. Donnelly (Burford) beat D. I. H. Pilling (Henbury), 6 and 5; D. A. Russell (Mid Kent) beat J. Kelsey-Fry (Chislehurst), 3 and 2; P. C. Hurd (Canterbury) beat J. Caddick (West Lothian), 1 hole; K. Brown (Harpenden Common) beat T. Johnson (Wheatley), 2 and 1; S. M. Hancock (Reading) beat M. R. McKimmie (Balgownie), 7 and 6; M. D. Friend (South Herts) beat D. Heather (Sutton), 3 and 2; P. Downes (Coventry) beat G. C. Jenes (Walmley), 6 and 5.

A. S. McConnell (Lisburn) beat A. D. Lawrence (Wheatley), at the 19th; A. P. Morley (Reading) beat D. R. Eastham (Whalley), 1 hole; P. McInnes (Lanark) beat A. Strange (Oswestry), 2 holes; H. W. E. Alexander (Haggs Castle) beat I. C. Jardine (Dumbarton), 1 hole; A. Collie (Dunbar) beat P. Lamb (Kirkhill), 1 hole; M. H. Bradley (Walton Heath) beat C. Lowe (Halifax West End), 1 hole; N. D. Town (Stirling) all square with I. Grant (Orsett) after 10 holes. (Bad light stopped play.)

Cook has his sights set on America

John Cook, the former English amateur golf champion, is going to America in September, with Peter Oosterhuis, in an attempt to get his player's ticket for the United States circuit. Cook, who is 25, said yesterday: "I've got to go to give myself a chance. I'm stuck in the mud at the moment. Everybody here is so negative in their outlook that I'm getting the same."

He hopes to qualify in South Carolina for the United States Professional Golfers' Association Tournament Players School in November.

Cook, who turned professional in 1969, was practising yesterday for the £10,000 Double Diamond stroke play individual tournament, which begins today at the King's course, Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire. The tournament, over 36 holes with one round a day, is a curtain raiser to the £15,000 International team tournament between England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales Europe and the Rest of the World. All the 30 players in the team event are taking part in the individual tournament, which carries a first prize of £1,500.

England and Scotland in crucial match

By Lewine Mair

England and Scotland, the only undefeated sides, meet in the last lap of the girls' home golf internationals at Dunbar this morning. Having scraped through against a talented Welsh side by four matches to three, England defeated Ireland by five matches to one with one halved. Scotland, for their part, conceded only half a point to Ireland and won through against Wales by five matches to two.

Christine Langford, who this season has won the Kent title and the English girls' championship, had a somewhat disheartening day. Playing at the head of her side, she lost to Lisa Isherwood, of Wales, by 3 and 1 and gathered only half a point from her match with Ireland's Rhona Hegarty.

Though the former British champion, Michelle Walker, has encouraged Miss Langford to increase her repertoire of shots around the green, the English girls' champion ended the day on these swift seaside links using only her favourite wedge. "I know I'm not tackling these little shots in the right way—but I'm simply not yet sufficiently confident with my other clubs."

Elaine Bradshaw, the distinguished captain of the Irish girls' team, had been more than a little alarmed when on Sunday two of her team confessed that they had never played on a seaside course. Despite the fact that they picked up only two points all day, the Irish girls showed plenty of promise.

Perhaps the best-looking golfer of them all is Mano Brennan, a tiny 16-year-old who, when she was discovered by Miss Bradshaw just over two years ago, was trying to wield an assortment of Harry Weetman clubs. Miss Bradshaw got her fixed up with a set more in keeping with her 7st and she is today one of the longest hitters among the Irish juniors.

Two of the finest shots one saw all day, a three-wood and a three-iron to the front of the 412-yard 14th, belonged to 18-year-old Una Moore, of Royal County Down. A left-handed golfer though, like Bob Charles, basically right-handed, Miss Moore carries only seven clubs, all of them, as it were, from a different family.

IRELAND v SCOTLAND (Irish names first): R. Hegarty (Bandon) lost to T. Caddon (Cardross), 4 and 3; M. Irvine (Elm Park) lost to V. Gray (Alloa), 3 and 2; S. O'Brien-Kenny (County Louth) lost to Y. Sloane (Gullane), 2 and 1; U. Moore (Royal County Down) lost to M. Stavert (Craigmillar Park), 4 and 3; N.
Brennan (Kilkenny) halved with
Reid (Ladybank); M. Barry (
brook) lost to F. Stewart (Babe
8 and 7; S. Buckley (Tralee) lo
A. McIntosh (Nairn), 5 and 4. Ir
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Rawlings (Borgoed), 3 and 2. A
(Mill Hill) lost to B. Morrow
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lost to A. Thomas (Royal St Dav
one hole; S. Thurston (Waterloo
beat L. Hughes (Oswestry), 2 a
U. Holt (Sutton Coldfield) be
Rowlands (Holywell), 3 and
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Worthing (Caerphilly), 8 an
England 4, Wales 3.

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Kelly lost to O'Brien-Kenny,
Thurston beat Moore, 3 and
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beat Buckley, 6 and 5. Englan
Ireland 1½.

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beat McIntosh, 4 and 3; Hughes
Stavert, 2 and 1; Rowlands
Stewart, 5 and 3; P. Strange
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s a good day for Karla slender, 15-year-old from East Germany. She unheralded for the Euro-*wimming championships*— s the second breaststroke behind the world record- nne-Katrin Schott.

seemed to have other *about her ranking*, how- r this morning she broke d record in the 200 metres oke heats, leaving Miss ailing. Then this evening, s later, as the sun disap- below the stands, she her own record, knocking conds off her morning's improvement of just under bour.

was a bad day for the vid Wilkie. In a heat of metres breaststroke, Wilkie d the error of not swim- the whistle, so to speak. a good start in his heat, stroke, then mysteriously p, rolled on to his back to k towards the start. He had the hooting of spectators' or the false start signal. realized his error, he set the others, to a few boos s, but his cause was hope-

Clarkson, the British team , *immediately registered a* which was tantamount to or a reswim of the heat. jury of appeal took only es to decide that the result stand. When he came out later Wilkie was led away der corner by the team David Haller. "I thought on my left stopped", aid when he had recovered. er of other British swim- ought the horn was the false start gun as well. (Nobody has yet heard this gun, though in *both the Olympics and the Commonwealth Games it was demonstrated to all the competitors.*) But the false start cord, a rope stretched across the pool, did not *drop to stop the race, so there is* little excuse for the Scotsman. In a nutshell, the protest was turned down because it was a swimmer's mistake not one by an official.

It was a big blow *to the British* contingent, for Wilkie was swimming better than he did before the world championships last September, when he won the 200 metres breaststroke. As a consolation, David Leigh, the Commonwealth Games gold medal winner of this event, easily qualified for the final. His time was the fourth fastest and with his own northern determina*tion—he comes from Sheffield*— together with a vow he has made to avenge Wilkie, he might yet win this event. He seems nerveless. He also seems never to smile. In the British team these two characteristics have earned him the nicknames of Cool Hand Luke and Buster Keaton.

Brian Brinkley swam the final of the men's 200 metres free-style soon after Wilkie's elimination. He, too, seemed resolved to do well. And he did. After equalling the British record in the morning's heats, he beat it in the final. But *he still finished only seventh.*

Kornelia Ender, who is 15, broke her own world record in the 100 metres free-style. It was only the third women's final so far, including yesterday's 400 metres medley and the two events today, yet it was the fourth world record that the remarkable East German women have set. To end with another record, Roland Matthes of East Germany, who has not been beaten in a backstroke sprint event since 1967, extended his run today, though his margin of victory—three quarters of a body length—was a close shave for him. He usually wins by lengths.

Men

200 METRES FREE-STYLE: Final: 1, P. Nocke (W. Germany), 1min 53.10sec (European record); 2, R. Steinbach (W. Germany), 1:53.72; 3, A. Samsonov (USSR), 1:53.77; 4, H. Pyttel (E. Germany), 1:54.08; 5, A. Krylov (USSR), 1:55.80; 6, B. Gingsjoe (Sweden), 1:56.00; 7, B. Brinkley (GB), 1:56.17; 8, R. Pangaro (Italy), 1:56.20.

100 METRES BACKSTROKE: Final: 1, R. Matthes (E. Germany), 58.21sec; 2, L. Wanja (E. Germany), [illegible]; 3, Z. Verraszto (Hungary), 58.78; 4, L. S. Esteva (Spain), 59.52; 5, H. Schilling (W. Germany), 1:00.14; 6, I. Potyakin (USSR), 1:00.58; 7, S. [illegible] (USSR), 1:00.[illegible]; 8, K. Ressang (Netherlands), 1:00.55.

SPRINGBOARD DIVING: Qualifiers for final: 1, K. Dibiasi (Italy), 590.15 pts; 2, I. Cagnotto (Italy), 584.85; 3, V. Strachov (USSR), [illegible]; 4, F. Hoffmann (E. Germany), 572.69; 5, N. Huda (W. Germany), 560.58; 6, A. Kosenkov (USSR), 550.70; 7, [illegible] (E. Germany), 540.78; 8, M. Lindberg (Sweden), 529.10; 9, J. Kien (Austria), 527.76; 10, Trevor Simpson (GB), 527.45; 11, H. Leys (Netherlands), 512.84; 12, [illegible] (Sweden), [illegible]; 13, L. Balogh (Hungary), [illegible]; 14, M. Brown (GB), 502.10; 15, A. Hajnal (Hungary), [illegible]; 16, A. Antonov (Bulgaria), 287.51.

WATER POLO: Group A: USSR 10, Yugoslavia 1; Netherlands 4, Italy 5. Group B: Austria 3, Czechoslovakia 16; Belgium 5, Bulgaria 10.

Women

100 METRES FREE-STYLE: Final: 1, K. Ender (E. Germany), 56.96sec (world record); 2, A. Franke (E. Germany), 57.82; 3, E. Brigitha (Netherlands), 58.[illegible]; 4, G. Berger (France), 58.81; 5, L. [illegible] (USSR), 1:00.02; 6, D. Olsson (Sweden), 1:00.11; 7, F. Monod (Switzerland), 1:00.55; 8, I. Weber (W. Germany), 1:00.[illegible].

200 METRES BREASTSTROKE: Final: 1, K. Linke (E. Germany), 2min 34.99sec (world record); 2, A.-K. Schott (E. Germany), 2:38.88; 3, M. Yurchenia (USSR), 2:42.04; 4, D. Pehar (W. Germany), 2:43.51; 5, B.-M. Smedh (Sweden), 2:44.21; 6, W. Maarweg (Netherlands), 2:44.59; 7, L. Kiss (Hungary), 2:45.11; 8, A. Kaczander (Hungary), 2:46.08.

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me of Britain's men ath- o arrived today in bright n sunshine for their omorrow and Wednesday Norway and the Benelux , the next 48 hours will oint of no return. A good nce in the match could everal *men being added at* enth-hour to the British the European champion- Rome, now only two d a half away.

nts like the steeplechase 400 metre hurdles the thletes involved (Stephen and John Bicourt in the ce; Stephen Black and Neill in the shorter) will ing as close a watch on er as on their four rivals. articularly good thing in match, of course, but all tes know there must be cal hanging around. In se events there is just one acant British place for and in any case the are not compelled to fill less they feel that the idence warrants it. After tch the entries for Rome *lly closed, so even a world* ext week will be too late.

The match *itself* should not present too much of a hurdle to the British team, even without a number of their leading lights, but for two athletes, David Travis *(javelin) and Andrew Carter (800* metres), who were both among the Rome party announced last week, it will be an opportunity to prove they have overcome injuries *to the satisfaction of the selectors.* Full competitive fitness is, quite fairly, deemed to be a prerequisite of any athlete accepting selection for something as important as the European championships.

Carter will also doubtless recall the tension which surrounded his last visit to the same arena a year ago, when he was due to face the Italian world record holder Marcello Fiasconaro in the Europa Cup semi-final. But Fiasconaro was disqualified for two false starts before they had run a step, and the ensuing scuffles which broke out on the track between Italian supporters and officials are among the less tasteful memories evoked by the historic Bislet Stadium.

Over the years it has been the scene of many great performances, mainly from overseas athletes. Yet Norway has produced a few of *their own great men, such as the* middle distance runner, Audun *Boysen, and the javelin thrower,* Terje Pederson. Boysen's national 800 metres record of 1min 45.9sec, set nearly 20 years ago, would still be right up with international *fields today. In 1964 Pederson be*came the first man to throw the javelin more than 100 yards when he achieved 300ft 11in at Bislet.

The current Norwegian stars, *and probably the only members of* their team likely to be challenging for medals in Rome, are the Kvalheim brothers, Arne and Knut. While Arne, a 3min 55sec miler, who has outsprinted men the class of Jim Ryun and Stephen Prefontaine on their home ground while studying in the United States, is the better known of the two outside Norway, Knut in 1947 has proved the more versatile. He can point to a time of 3min 38.7sec for the 1500 metres (converted from a 3:56.2 mile) and an 8:25.2 steeplechase, both of which rank in the European top ten, but most impressive is his 5,000 metres time of 13:20.4. It puts him second only to Brendan Foster of Britain in the European performance *list* for *this year* and, significantly, was achieved in defeating a top class field, proving that he is a racer as well as a time triallist.

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AN LEAGUE: New York Chicago White Sox 3; Texas Cleveland Indians 0; Balti- es 1, Kansas City Royals 0; d Sox 9, Minnesota Twins 6; Brewers 5, California Angels Athletics 15, Detroit Tigers

AL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds rk Mets 5; Pittsburgh Pirates Angeles Dodgers 3; Chicago San Diego Padres 6; St Louis 4, San Francisco Giants 1; la Phillies 7, Atlanta Braves Astros 3, Montreal Expos 0.

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TO.—Canadian Open: Men's al: M. Orantes (Spain) and Argentina) beat J. Fassbender hmann (W. Germany), 6—1, 2. Women's doubles final: Heldman (US) and Mrs G. (France) beat Miss C. Miss J. Evert (US), 6—3,

.. Spain.—Princess *Sofia* under-18 team cup final: akia beat France, 4—1.

Bowls

Bryant shows improved form in pairs event

Apart from dropping five shots on the eleventh end David Bryant *showed* much better form at Worthing yesterday in the English Bowling Association national pairs championship. Bryant, who suffered a surprise defeat in the triples event last week, partnered David Rhys-Jones, of Clevedon, to beat M. Phillips and Frank Sekjar, of Thames Polytechnic, Kent.

The Clevedon pair were 11—4 up when they dropped the five but quickly regained their composure, forged 19—11 ahead at 16 ends, and won 21—16.

FIRST ROUND: D. Roberts and L. Bates (Denham, Buckinghamshire) beat R. Franks and B. Long (Slough, Buckinghamshire), 17—14; M. London and E. London (North Shields WE, Northumberland) beat G. Keyte and M. Gallagher (Pressed Steel Fisher, Oxford), 19—14; R. Wolfe and S. G. Wade (Ryde, Isle of Wight) beat W. Mullen and B. R. Moss (South Oxford), 18—17; S. Budd and T. Budd (West Park, Yorkshire) beat H. Bidwell and E. Thoburn (Haddenham, Cambridgeshire), 26—12; D. Rhys-Jones and D. J. Bryant (Clevedon, Somerset) beat M. F. Phillips and F. Sekjar (Thames Poly, Kent), 21—16; J. Sutherland and L. Beard (County Ground, Worcestershire) beat A. Bonsall and J. Berrington (Plessey, Nottinghamshire), 24—11; J. Emery and G. Davies (Bulmers, Herefordshire) beat H. Winterbottom and E. J. Rowe (Carnon Downs, Cornwall), 22—8; J. Ellis and B. Willey (APCM, Kirton Lindsey, Lincolnshire) beat G. Riley and R. Walters (Long Eaton, Derbyshire), 21—15; R. W. Taylor-Balls and F. Rolfe (West Rowe, Suffolk) beat J. Moss and A. Farrow (Cromer and Dist, Norfolk), 26—12; A. Morgan and O. Stephens (Stroud, Gloucestershire) beat K. G. Birch and H. Stevenson (Mid-Surrey), 21—17; G. W. Clarke and R. A. Phillips (Beverley, Middlesex) beat A. O'Connell and A. G. Murrell (Wimbledon, Surrey), 24—17; R. Peters and D. J. Ruse (March Cons, Cambridgeshire) beat D. Hirst and G. Peacock (Bedford Borough, Bedfordshire), 20—17; S. Trafford and S. F. Simmons (Garston, Hertfordshire) beat A. Zendra and L. Coe (Rothwell Cons, Northamptonshire), 21—20; W. Thompson and J. Aitken (Courtfield, Cumberland) beat M. Clarke and D. Dennis (Portsmouth Civil Service, Hampshire), 24—16; W. Muddle and J. Wilson (Bexhill, Sussex) beat J. McCambridge and A. Clayton ([illegible], Dorset), 23—15; T. Rimmer and B. Cockburn (Southport, Lancashire) beat J. Malone and L. Concannon (North Leicestershire WM), 22—17. G. Herriott and G. Tuffin (Preston, Sussex) beat N. Stradling and B. Griffiths (Wantage, Berkshire), 26—11; J. Roberts and W. Jones (Castle Green, Herefordshire) beat M. Boor and H. T. Brereton ([illegible], Warwickshire), 20—12; B. Gedney and I. Smith (Burton House, Lincolnshire) beat A. Newnham and C. J. Wood (Sunningdale, Berkshire), 23—[illegible]; J. Gray and J. Carr (Framlingham Castle, Suffolk) beat S. C. Sivell and C. G. Davison (Barking Borough, Essex), 24—20; E. W. Over and C. A. Jacobs (Stoke Coventry, Warwickshire) beat D. Butler and D. Smith (Dickinson Shendish, Hertfordshire), 21—19; A. Topham and J. Oliver (Scarcroft, Yorkshire) beat J. Cairns and G. Harvey (North Shields WE, Northumberland), [illegible]; J. Preston *and J. Coates (County Ground,* Worcestershire) beat R. J. Burchell and J. Cook (Devizes, Wiltshire), 20—15; N. Shelley and M. Walton (Atherley, Hampshire) beat B. Bick and J. Burns (Melcombe Regis, Dorset), 21—12.

A. Rees and M. Prosser (Stroud, Gloucestershire) beat T. Davidson and R. J. Main (Blackhall CW, Durham), 23—14; G. Barratt and R. B. Daykin (Long Eaton, Derbyshire) beat M. J. Drage and R. Crawley (Wellingborough Town, Northamptonshire), 27—22; M. Hall and C. A. Burton (Sileby, Leicestershire) *beat D. Nethercotts and H.* Freezer (Midland Bank, Kent), 30—13; S. Challis and D. J. Tucker (Topsham, Devon) beat A. G. Leech and L. Middleton (Nottingham CS), 25—20; R. I. Martin and V. Shail (Swindon Westlecot, Wiltshire) beat R. Irwin and J. Irwin (New Herrington WM, Durham), 21—14; W. Strachan *and E.* Beradahl (Clacton, Essex) beat A. Lane and D. Martin (Fowey, Cornwall), 27—22; R. A. Gibbins and R. E. Paine (LTASSA, Middlesex) beat H. Hornett and J. White (Beech Hill, Bedfordshire), 25—15; D. Johnston and M. Rainey (Carrock Municipal, Cumberland) beat B. Lee and N. Chalk (Torbay, Devon), 21—18.

SECOND ROUND: Challis and Tucker beat Hall and Burton, 27—21; Strachan and Beradahl beat Martin and Shail, 22—21; Gibbins and Paine beat Johnston and Rainey, 33—14; Thompson and Aitken beat *Wolfe and* Wade, 25—22; Rimmer and Cockburn beat Muddle and Wilson, 27-12; Herriott and Tuffin beat Roberts and Jones, 27—15; Taylor-Balls and Rolfe beat Morgan and Stephens, 18—16; Budd and Budd beat Clarke and Phillips, 21—19; Sutherland and Beard beat Emery and Davies, 28—14; Trafford and Simmons beat Ellis and Willey, 20—18; Topham and Oliver beat Over and Jacobs, 21—10; Shelley and Walton beat Preston and Coates, 24—20; Rees and Prosser beat Barratt and Daykin, 20—17.

Cycling

Professional pursuit title goes to Dutch newcomer

Montreal, Aug 19.—Roy Schuiten, of The Netherlands, upset all predictions to win the professional *pursuit title* at the world cycling championships here, only three months and a half after signing a professional contract. Schuiten, aged 23, beat one of the most *experienced* of pusuit riders, Ferdinand Bracke, of Belgium, in the gold medal final after a neck-and-neck battle for four of the five kilometres.

Earlier, Tamara Garkuskina, of the Soviet Union, had, as expected, collected a record sixth title in the women's pursuit with a comfortable win over her com*patriot, Valentina Smirnova.*

Schuiten had earlier put an end to the record-making dreams of Knut Knudsen, of Norway, who was hoping to become the first *man to win amateur and profes*sional track titles in successive years. The strain of riding three hard races in one day proved too much for Knudsion, who cracked in the *final kilometre of his* semifinal race against the Dutchmen.

He then showed only a shadow of his real value in the race for the bronze medal, which went to Rene Pijnen, *of The Netherlands,* last year's silver medallist, who beat him by a clear 8sec. Tiredness may have cost Bracke a third gold medal in the pursuit, a title he won as early as 1964 and again in 1969.

Schuiten had to be persuaded to ride in the world championships as an amateur at San Sebastian last year after his father died. This season he added victories in the British Milk Race and the Tour of the Netherlands to his amateur records, then turned professional for the British-based Raleigh team and won the Dutch professional pursuit title in one of his first professional rides.

Miss Garkuskina is something of a sporting phenomenon. A 28-year-old physical education instructor from Tula in Siberia, she earlier today produced a world best performance beyond what anyone thought possible.

PROFESSIONAL PURSUIT: Bronze medal final: 1, R. Pijnen (Netherlands), 6min 8.47sec; 2, K. Knudsen (Norway), 6min 16.5sec. Gold medal final: 1, R. Schuiten (Netherlands), 6min 4.71sec; 2, F. Bracke (Belgium), *6min 12.58sec.*

WOMEN'S PURSUIT: Final for Bronze medal: 1, Mrs K. van Oosten (Netherlands), 4min 0.36sec; 2, Miss M-J. Reoch (US), 4min 6.50sec. Final for gold medal: 1, Miss T. Garkuskina (USSR), 3min 58.75sec; 2, Miss V. Smirnova (*USSR*), 4min 2.47sec.—Agencies.

Racing

Dahlia always at home away from France

By Jim Snow
Northern Racing Correspondent

A great horse, Dahlia, and a great jockey, Lester Piggott, champions both, renew their acquaintance in today's valuable Benson and Hedges Gold Cup. This will be the third running of this sponsored mile and a quarter race, which has produced two unexpected results. Moulton won last year from the Eclipse Stakes winner, Scottish Rifle, and the odds-on favourite Rheingold, and in 1972 the great Brigadier Gerard met with his one defeat in 18 races when the Derby winner Roberto shot out of the stalls, turned into the straight with a good lead, and ridden with great enterprise by the American jockey, B. Baeza, held it to the line.

With the memory of these two races might it be that Dahlia, who will start at odds on, will suffer the same fate as Brigadier Gerard and Rheingold? Can she maintain *the remarkable record of her visits* abroad? She has won in America, England, Ireland, and in her own country of France. In a dazzling season in 1973 she won the Laurel *Park International, the Irish Guin*ness Oaks, and the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, which she won again three weeks ago.

I do not think that she is showing any signs of running out of ammunition, for in her second vic*tory in Ascot's big race she pro*duced the form that enabled her to shine so brightly in 1973. Yet the American-bred and French-trained four-year-old filly will have to be *at her best if she is to beat the* Queen's Highclere, Snow Knight and Imperial Prince, first and second in the Derby, and Ksar, second in the Eclipse Stakes before *his recent comfortable victory in* France.

The going on the Knavesmire will be good to soft, and while Ksar would prefer it to be firm, conditions are ideal for Highclere, and it is this factor which has caused Lord Porchester to advise the Queen to run her filly in the Benson and Hedges Gold Cup rather than take on Dibidale half an hour later in the Yorkshire Oaks. Highclere has carried the royal colours to victory in the 1,000 Guineas and the French Oaks, and she has proved herself a *filly of the highest class over a* mile to a mile and a half.

But in last month's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes she finished two lengths and a half *behind Dahlia, and none can say* how much Piggott had in hand on the French filly that afternoon. Highclere then received a stone, but this afternoon Dahlia has to give her 3 lb less. It would be going against the form book to *take Highclere to reverse the Ascot* placings, but as I have said, there has been two important and dramatic upsets in the race, and the possibility of a third cannot be *ruled out.*

Snow Knight, although he won the Derby, might find a mile and a quarter his best distance. In the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes *he was going well at* 10 furlongs, a fact which Piggott noted as he released Dahlia for her run. He considers Snow Knight could go well, but in the final analysis it is impossible to get away from the outstanding claims of Dahlia. She is an excellent traveller, produces her best form, strangely, in countries away from France and I take her to win from Highclere and Snow Knight.

Similarly, the case for Dibidale in the Yorkshire Oaks looks as watertight as that of Dahlia. Dibidale was third past the post in the Oaks, despite William Carson riding her bareback over the last two furlongs, and in the majority view she would have beaten Polygamy, but for the saddle slipping so badly *that it ended up by flapping be*tween her legs at the finish. In her next race she hacked up in the Irish Guinness Oaks, and in the opinion of Barry Hills she is a filly of outstanding class. Noel Murless makes a habit of winning the Yorkshire Oaks, but on this occasion his Mil's Bomb, sixth to Polygamy in the Oaks and well behind Dibidale, may have to put up with second place.

The Lowther Stakes has attracted a distinguished field of two-year-old fillies with Newmarket opinion sharply divided between the claims of Cry of Truth, *Lady Roley, and Tzaritsa.* Barry Hills's Seminar is not out of it on the strength of her two victories in her last four outings, nor is the Irish challenger Birucina, successful in three of her last five appearances. But Cry of Truth won her race at Goodwood with such authority and in the process earned so much praise from John Gorton that I think she might be too fast for Lady Rowley.

For the Acomb Stakes, which the Queen won over 20 years ago with her great horse, Aureole, Red Regent from Peter Walwyn's stable is slightly preferred to Misoptimist and Tanzor. The handicaps in this seven-race programme strike a chill of fear and uncertainty to even the most able and exper*ienced judges of the form book. In* the Rose of York Handicap the Lincoln winner Quizair, Father Christmas, top weight with 9st 5lb, the Queen's Escorial (ridden by Piggott), Caius, beaten after a photograph for Redcar's William Hill Gold Cup, and Summer Knave make the most appeal. Summer Knave, unlucky at Goodwood, won the race last year, but he has gone up 15lb in the handicap. In what is certainly the most open race during the afternoon Escorial may come out best. She was unplaced in the Oaks but previously had come home a comfortable winner of York's Musidora Stakes in May.

For a filly of her class she is not harshly handicapped with 8st 9lb. Quizair, Summer Knave, and Father Christmas are the three horses to whom I give sound each-way chances against the royal filly. Noel Murless's Splashing, Dutch Gold, and Silleys Maid could be close together at the winning post in the Harewood Handicap with Splashing perhaps coming out best.

Tom Cribb, that admirably consistent tough stayer, who won the Northumberland Plate in 1973 for the late Lord Rosebery, has it all *to do with 10st in the two-mile* Lonsdale Handicap. But he has Piggott in the saddle, and no jockey knows the racecourse at York more intimately or knows better how to hold up a top weight before the final strike.

STATE OF GOING (official): York: Good. Folkestone: Good. Brighton (*tomorrow*): Good. Devon and Exeter (*tomorrow*): Good

Distances foil Winter's hopes of double

The Newmarket trainer, John *Winter, had two runners at Wind*sor yesterday. The five furlongs of the Long Acre *Plate* nearly proved too short for his 4-1 winner Prospect Rainbow and the extra furlong in the Juniors Nursery Handicap was too far for Strictly Private, who finished fourth. Nevertheless Prospect Rainbow's success brought Winter's tally for the season to 25, five of these winners having come in the last couple of weeks.

Brian Taylor, who rode both of the Winter horses, said: "The leaders were six lengths in front *of Prospect Rainbow* at one stage, but once he got going he flew. He certainly needs *another* furlong." Winter added: "Prospect Rainbow met interference on his *previous appearance at Newmarket* but I was very pleased with him."

Prospect Rainbow was a 4,000 guineas yearling purchase by Mrs Dorothy Greville McNab, whom *Winter regards as his luckiest* patron. The first three horses she sent him in 1972 were all winners. Winter had high hopes that Strictly Private would complete *the double—provided the colt,* a course winner, stayed the distance. In fact, it was the last 100 yards which found the colt's weakness where he was overhauled by Paddy's Luck, with *My Ginny and* Mark Jason challenging strongly. In a thrilling finish My Ginny made it by a neck from Mark Jason to the delight of the Lincolnshire owner, Mrs Jane Vincent.

She said, "Watch Valdi, trained by Tim Molony, won at Nottingham *last week and my other horse has* obliged too. I intend breeding from both of them when their racing days are over."

It was a disastrous day for Carson's followers as Mark Jason was one of four seconds during a blank period for the reigning champion. The biggest shock among the Carson losers was the half length defeat of 4-5 chance Firetail in the *Skyport Stakes. The* race went to 14-1 chance Nescio whom Alan Bond sent ahead at the distance and rode with vigour to register his 16th win of the season.

It was a victory which gave Ted Smyth particular pleasure as Nescio belongs to Mrs Cecily Bennett, an owner whom Smyth "inherited" on taking over the stables from his late father, Herbert. Ted still rates Mrs Bennett's Crimson, winner of the Lowther Stakes and other good races, as the best filly he has trained.

Arriving from Deauville an hour earlier after inspecting the stock at Fred Tinsley's stud near the French resort, Patrick Haslam proceeded to saddle a winner for that *owner with Brave Talk in the* Seniors Handicap. Brave Talk won the race 12 months ago for Arthur Budgett and was sold for 8,800 guineas last autumn. Haslam *said*: "I bought him as a prospective jumper. He has been schooled over hurdles by Richard Pitman and jumps really well."

Brave Talk is certainly bred for jumping as he is a half-brother to the smart Tantalum, winner of the before his fatal accident in the 1971 Hennessy Gold Cup. But Brave Talk has more engagements to fulfil on the flat before switching roles. He runs at Brighton on Wednesday or the Quortina Challenge Cup here on Saturday. This was the twelfth win of the season for Haslam and also a welcome back success for talented apprentice Roger Wernham, who returned to action after injuring an ankle here a week ago.

The first horse home in each of the first three races, at Leicester yesterday, Damatell (20-1), Avon Royale (6-1) and Major Tory *(20-1), were No 9 on the card.* Avon Royale initiated a 76-1 double for Pat Eddery, who also scored on the 10-1 Pollinella. This followed a 267-1 treble at Newbury on Saturday, bringing Eddery's total of winners in the last five racing days to 11 and taking him within four of leading jockey *Lester Piggott.*

Myrddin Thomas rides My Ginny to victory in the Juniors' Handicap at Windsor yesterday.

York programme

[Television (IBA): 3.15, 3.45 and 4.15 races]

2.0 ACOMB STAKES (2-y-o : £2,255 : 6f)

101	41	**Misoptimist** (D) (Mrs P. Threlfall), J. Hindley, 9-1	A. Kimberley	6
104	0	**Peterhof** (Lady Halifax), J. Oxley, 8-11	G. Starkey	4
105		**Red Regent** (Col Sir D. Clague), P. Walwyn, 8-11	P. Eddery	3
106	3	**Tanzor** (Mr J. Wakefield), C. Brittain, 8-11	L. Piggott	5
107	2	**Brilliantine** (Mr J. Whitney), J. Tree, 8-8	J. Lindley	2
109	03	**Pearl Wedding** (Lady Allendale), W. Elsey, 8-8	E. Hide	1

6-4 Misoptimist, 9-4 Tanzor, 11-2 Red Regent, 8-1 Brilliantine, 10-1 Pearl Wedding, 12-1 Peterhof.

2.30 LONSDALE HANDICAP (£1,461 : 2m)

201	321322	**Tom Cribb** (D) (Exors of the late Lord Rosebery), B. Hobbs, 5-10-0	L. Piggott	2
202	4-03140	**Party Time** (Mr D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 6-9-7	B. Raymond	7
203	14-1400	**Night Echo** (CD) (Mr R. Richmond-Watson), G. Smyth, 4-9-1	G. Lewis	5
205	0-10110	**Royal Aura** (D) (Mrs J. Silcock), P. Walwyn, 5-8-8	P. Eddery	10
206	000-	**Hindsight** (Mr A. Geraghty), A. Geraghty, 8-8-7	T. Burns	5
207	401102	**Chadleigh** (D) (Mr J. Bigg), W. Wharton, 7-8-5	W. Carson	4
209	004014	**Boco** (D) (Lt-Col Sir H. Verdin), R. Houghton, 4-8-1	E. Hide	11
213	4-0021	**Meadow Moss** (Mrs Parker Poe), P. Prendergast, 5-7-11	A. Sofley 7	8
214	022301	**Rekindle** (D) (The Queen), W. Hern, 3-7-10	M. Thomas	6
215	1-00401	**Mr McMandy** (CD) (Mr E. Holland-Martin), J. Ormston, 4-7-10	S. Salmon 5	9
216	232100-	**Norton Star** (Major J. Linley), M. H. Easterby, 4-7-7	R. Barker 7	1
219	33-0331	**Vie En Rose** (Mr R. Fitzjohn), F. Carr, 3-7-7	C. Eccleston	13

100-30 Tom Cribb, 5-1 Royal Aura, 6-1 Chadleigh, 7-1 Boco, 8-1 Party Time, Rekindle, Mr McMandy, 12-1 Meadow Moss, 16-1 Vie en Rose, 20-1 others.

3.15 BENSON AND HEDGES GOLD CUP (Group 1: £39,531: 1¼m)

501	000143	**Jimsun** (CD) (Mr C. Blackwell), H. Jones, 5-9-7	P. Eddery	8
502	0-21021	**Ksar** (Lady Rotherwick), B. van Cutsem, 4-9-7	W. Carson	3
503	0401-34	**Toujours Pret** (Mr L. Gelb), B. Seely, 5-9-7	S. Leonardos	1
504	1-40311	**Dahlia** (Mr N. Hunt), M. Zilber, 4-9-4	L. Piggott	7
505	1222	**Imperial Prince** (Col F. Hue-Williams), N. Murless, 3-8-10	G. Lewis	9
506	3-24021	***Radical*** *(Mr L. Holliday), Denys Smith, 3-8-10*	*M. Goreham*	5
507	20-2310	**Snow Knight** (Mrs N. Phillips), P. Nelson, 3-8-10	B. Taylor	6
508	23-1102	**Gaily** (Sir M. Sobell), W. Hern, 3-8-7	J. Lindley	2
509	221-112	**Highclere** (D) (The Queen), W. Hern, 3-8-7	J. Mercer	4
510	1-22200	**Hippodamia** (Mr N. Hunt), M. Zilber, 3-8-7	F. Durr	10

8-13 Dahlia, 6-1 Highclere, 8-1 Ksar, 10-1 Imperial Prince, 12-1 Snow Knight, 14-1 Toujours Pret, 20-1 Gaily, 25-1 others.

3.45 YORKSHIRE OAKS (GROUP 1): 3-y-o fillies: £13,872: 1½m)

401	02-2101	**Dibidale** (D) (Mr N. Robinson), B. Hills, 9-0	W. Carson	3
403	302011	**Mil's Bomb** (Mr L. Freedman), N. Murless, 9-0	G. Lewis	1
404	4-22431	**Sea Singer** (Sir M. Sobell), W. Hern, 9-0	J. Mercer	2

4-11 Dibidale, 3-1 Mil's Bomb, 8-1 Sea Singer.

4.15 ROSE OF YORK HANDICAP (£2,584: 1m)

501	3-30212	**Father Christmas** (D) (Mr H. Joel), N. Murless, 4-9-5	G. Lewis	9
504	11-310	**Escorial** (CD) (The Queen), I. Balding, 3-8-9	L. Piggott	7
505	4-40323	**Summer Knave** (CD) (Mr J. Pearce), Doug Smith, 4-8-9	E. Eldin	6
507	0-10313	**Dawn Review** (CD) (Mr C. Longmore), M. Prescott, 5-8-4	E. Hide	5
508	331212	**Caius** (CD) (Mr J. Winter), T. Fairhurst, 8-8-4	R. Elliott	4
510	402111	**Quizair** (D) (Mr W. MacDonald), R. Jarvis, 5-8-2	M. Thomas	8
511	400102	**Desperate Dee** (CD) (Mr H. Swarbrick), J. Calvert, 5-7-9	W. Carson	2
512	000442	**Grasp Saint** (Mr J. Rowles), R. Houghton, 4-7-9	D. Cullen	3
513	100-000	**Shot in the Dark** (Mr G. Morley), L. Shedden, 4-7-7	C. Eccleston	1

9-4 Escorial, 7-2 Quizair, 5-1 Caius, 6-1 Summer Knave, 7-1 Father Christmas, 8-1 Dawn Review, 14-1 Desperate Dee, 20-1 others.

4.45 LOWTHER STAKES (Group 3: 2-y-o fillies: £2,939: 5f)

602	311311	**Lady Rowley** (CD) (Mr G. Cooke), N. Callaghan, 9-0	L. Piggott	1
603	10113	**Birucina** (D) (Mr M. O'Kelly), M. Connolly, 8-11	C. Roche	2
604	211	**Cry of Truth** (D) (Miss P. Johnston), B. Hobbs, 8-11	J. Gorton	4
606	41413	**Seminar** (D) (Mr R. Sangster), B. Hills, 8-11	W. Carson	3
608	1	**Tzarisa** (D) (Mr R. Cowell), M. Stoute, 8-11	E. Johnson	5
610	234000	***Miss Belvedere*** *(Capt J. Mawson), S. Nesbitt, 8-6*	R. Connorton	6

11-8 Cry of Truth, 7-4 Lady Rowley, 6-1 Tzarisa, 8-1 Birucina, 14-1 Seminar, 50-1 Miss Belvedere.

5.15 HAREWOOD HANDICAP (£1,796: 5f)

1	1-03210	**Dutch Gold** (D) (Mr C. Buckton), M. W. Easterby, 5-9-4	E. Hide	3
2	2-23020	**Silver God** (CD) (Mr D. Robinson), P. Davey, 4-9-3	L. Piggott	9
3	031-234	**Splashing** (D) (Mrs D. Wigan), N. Murless, 3-8-13	G. Lewis	2
4	030112	**Silleys Maid** (D) (Dr M. Solomon), M. Stoute, 4-8-5	E. Johnson	7
5	020030	**Trillium** (CD) (Lady Willoughby de Broke), G. P.-Gordon, 8-8-1	P. Eddery	8
6	012-002	**Gourmet** (D) (Mr T. Warner), J. Walker, 5-7-10	G. Duffield	6
7	0-00014	**Fair Dandy** (CD) (Mr M. Steele), H. Blackshaw, 4-7-10	K. Lewis 5	11
8	103001	**Alarm Call** (D) (Mr M. Taylor), K. Payne, 4-7-10	J. Curant	1
9	003331	**Anton Lad** (D) (Mrs A. Banks), J. Mulhall, 4-7-10	S. Salmon 5	12
10	0-20000	***Sunseon*** *(CD) (Mr G. Greenwood), P. Beasley, 3-7-7*	D. Cullen	5
12	311030	**Red Aster** (D) (Mr W. Balshaw), F. Carr, 4-7-7	C. Eccleston	10
13	302043	**Clear Melody** (D) (Mr A. Malden), S. Nesbitt, 5-7-7	S. Webster 7	4

3-1 Silver God, 9-2 Silleys Maid, 11-2 Dutch Gold, 6-1 Splashing, 8-1 Trillium, 10-1 Gourmet, 12-1 Alarm Call, Fair Dandy, 14-1 Anton Lad, 16-1 others.

Windsor results

2.30 (2.36) LONG ACRE PLATE (2-y-o: £276: 5f)

Prospect Rainbow, ch c, by Tudor Music—Kings Victress (Mrs D. McNab), 9-0 B. Taylor (4-1 fav) 1
TAVELLA, b f, by Petingo—Tintoretto (Mr R. Green), 8-11 W. Carson (9-2) 2
STARKIST, gr f, by So Blessed—Sister Agnes (Mrs H. Heinz), 8-11 Ronald Hutchinson (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 What a Picture, 6-1 Chita (4th), 7-1 Vigora, 10-1 Friendly Queen, 14-1 Double Whiskey, 16-1 Fishy Tale, 25-1 Honest Penny, Policy Lad, Tin Soldier, Elfin Smile, *Fleur de Feu, Gipsy's Spell,* Marrion Square, Miss Willing, Misty Echo. 18 ran.

TOTE: Win, 44p; places, 17p, 45p, 30p. J. Winter, at Newmarket. 2l, ½l. Hey There and Penhill Point did not run.

3.0 (3.2) COOKHAM APPRENTICE STAKES (£295: 6f)

Offa's Mead, ch h, by Rathlin—Fridantini (Mr J. Bradley), 6-8-7 M. Williams (14-1) 1
PILBARA DUST, b g, by Red God—Woodland Nymph (Mr E. Bentham), 5-8-7 D. Pugh (7-4 fav) 2
KINGS CUTTER, b g, by Sovereign Lord—First Sail (Mr T. Darling), 4-8-4 M. Banner (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 2-1 Fair Gazelle, 10-1 Kenencha, 16-1 Mabsabrabkab, Hongkong Air (4th), 20-1 Knox, Martello Park, Latin Fool, Miss Domina. 11 ran. There was no bid for the winner.

TOTE: Win, £2.54; places, 41p, 15p, 45p. J. Bradley, at Chepstow. 2l, ½l.

3.30 (3.38) *JUNIORS HANDICAP* (2-y-o: £587: 6f)

My Ginny, br f, by Palestine—March Alone (Mrs A. Vincent), 7-7 .... M. L. Thomas (7-1) 1
MARK JASON, b c, by Divine Gift—Countess Charmere (Mr C. *Gaventa*), 8-7 W. Carson (6-1) 2
PADDY'S LUCK, gr c, by Cumshaw—Mary Paddy (Lady Clague), 7-6 .. D. Cullen (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Strictly Private (4th), 11-2 Naivasha, 7-1 Deck of Cards, 9-1 Red Court, 10-1 The Lubistein, 14-1 Jim Colner, 16-1 Desert Fire, 20-1 Teresa Way, Guide Master. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 55p; places, 22p, 29p, 86p. R. Jarvis, at Newmarket. Nk, hd.

4.0 (4.1) SENIORS HANDICAP (£593: *1m 3f 150yd*)

Brave Talk, b h, by Derring-Do—Chatting (Mr F. Tinsley), 5-7-10 R. Wernham (9-4 jt fav) 1
FLAMBEAU, ch c, by Pall Mall—Grecian Palm (Mr A. Stevens), 4-9-1 .... A. Barclay (6-1) 2
MONSIEUR SPOCK, ch c, by Tobrouk—Solar Song (Mrs H. Pitt), 4-7-10 .. A. Bond (9-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 jt fav Man King (4th), 7-1 Strong Love, 10-1 Tilario. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 35p; places, 26p, 35p; forecast, £2.86. P. Haslam, at Lam*bourn. 1l, short hd.*

4.30 (4.31) RACECOURSE ROUNDABOUT HANDICAP (£585: 1¼m 22yd)

Da Musset, b c, by Alcide—Rosaura (Lady Hothfield), 4-8-8 Ronald Hutchinson (7-2) 1
ANHYDROUS, b c, by *Fleet Nasrullah*—Countess Albie (Mr N. Hunt), 3-7-10 W. Carson (9-4 fav) 2
KIBOLETTO, b c, by Kibenka—Love Letter (Mrs B. Attenborough), 4-8-8 .... J. Lindley (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 Willie My Son, 10-1 Welsh Dragon (4th), 14-1 Always Happy, 33-1 Mingold. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 46p; places, 19p, 14p; dual forecast, 48p. J. Clayton, at Newmarket. 1l, 1l.

5.0 (5.2) SKYPORT STAKES (3-y-o: £327: 1¼m 22yd)

Nescio, gr g, by Nelcius—Quality Girl (Mrs C. Bennett), 8-1 A. Bond (12-1) 1
FIRETAIL, br c, by Birdbrook—Dicky Bird (Maj D. Russell), 9-3 W. Carson (4-5 fav) 2
JUST JOLLY, b f, by Jolly Jet—Not For Porcha (Mr F. Hunt), 8-6 ...... T. Sturrock (50-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Apologetic, 5-1 Antenna (4th), 50-1 Perfect Sparkler. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.21; places, 20p, 11p; dual *forecast*, 59p. G. Smyth, at Epsom. ½l, 10l. *Woodsman did not* run.

TOTE DOUBLE: My Ginny, Da Musset, £16.15. TREBLE: Offa's Mead, Brave Talk, Nescio, £21.40. JACKPOT: Not won; no consolation dividend; £470 carried forward to York today.

Folkestone programme

1.45 DUNGENESS APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£275 : 6f)

1	034001	**Persian Orange** (D), K. Cundell, 7-8-13	S. Connett 5	4
2	1-32001	**Systematic** (CD), J. Clayton, 10-8-9	P. Cain	6
3	000404	**Sally Viking** (D), D. Williams, 4-8-4	S. Charlton	3
11	300-000	**Jack's Hope** (CD), G. Wallace, 8-7-7	D. Gibson	1
13	33-4413	**Hopping Hill** (CD), T. Corbett, 9-7-7	P. Turner 5	2
14	000-000	*Justice Good*, A. Neaves, 4-7-7	—	5

3-1 Persian Orange, 9-4 Systematic, 7-2 Hopping Hill, 4-1 Sally Viking, 12-1 others.

2.15 LITTLESTONE HANDICAP (£608 : 2m 100yds)

1	144200	**China Bank**, S. Supple, 4-9-7	A. Bond 5	1
4	4-01010	**Only a Monkey**, J. Dunlop, 4-8-9	Ron Hutchinson	7
9	00-0043	**Gala King**, D. Weeden, 4-8-5	J. Seagrave	2
10	10-4000	**Genuine Mystic** (C), D. Holland, 5-8-1	T. Carter	5
14	1	**Firing Line**, Doug Smith, 3-7-8	T. McKeown	3
15	3-03322	**Hardivim**, D. Gandolfo, 4-7-7	J. Reid 7	6
17	003031	**Levita**, B. Hobbs, 3-7-7	C. Rodrigues 7	4

3-1 China Bank, 4-1 Only a Monkey, 5-1 Levita, 11-2 Firing Line, 7-1 Gala King, 8-1 Hardivim, 10-1 Genuine Mystic.

2.45 WAKEFIELD HANDICAP (3-y-o fillies : £544 : 6f)

1	0-40000	**Nice Tack**, J. Sutcliffe jun, 10-0	B. Rouse	16
3	044022	**Elakonee Wind**, H. Cecil, 8-11	A. Murray	9
4	22-110	**Harriny** (D), P. Walwyn, 8-10	F. Morby	10
5	12-0000	**Golden Mink** (D), H. Williams, 8-9	J. Lynch	15
7	042210	**Caloprise** (D), J. Dunlop, 8-5	Ron Hutchinson	11
8	230333	**Alezan Dore**, N. Vigors, 8-1	P. Cook	4
9	210400	**Linda Jill**, R. Smyth, 7-13	T. Cain 5	8
10	0300-10	**Rosy Rainbow** (D), A. Dalton, 7-13	—	7
11	004002	**Safaria**, R. Jarvis, 7-13	T. McKeown	13
12	040000	**Roving Kind**, S. James, 7-11	T. Rogers	14
13	3000-00	**So Valiant**, M. Prescott, 7-8	R. Still	1
16	000104	**Fire Swan** (D), W. Marshall, 7-7	D. McKay	6
17	000000	**Bona Fide**, S. Supple, 7-7	T. Carter	2
18	000000	**Aberlassie**, C. Benstead, 7-7	R. Ferguson	5
19	000023	**Grand Story**, D. Jermy, 7-7	J. McKeown	15
20	0-00000	**Most Appealing**, M. Masson, 7-7	A. Bond 5	3

3-1 Elakonee Wind, 4-1 Harriny, 5-1 Safaria, 13-2 Linda Jill, 7-1 Caloprise, 8-1 *Fire Swan, 10-1 Alezan Dore,* 12-1 Golden Mink, 16-1 others.

3.15 DYMCHURCH MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o : £339 : 1¼m)

2	040	**Carlevaris**, J. Dunlop, 9-0	Ron Hutchinson	14
5	4-40000	**Huzzar**, D. Sasse, 9-0	F. Morby	1
7	0000-0	**Legendary Isle**, A. Pitt, 9-0	T. Cain 5	3
8	00000-0	**Magic Charm**, T. Gates, 9-0	*R. Reader*	2
9	0-0000	**Short Run**, C. Harwood, 9-0	J. Lynch	8
10	0-0000	**Silly Answer**, Mrs Lomax, 9-0	G. Ramshaw	15
11	000	**Simons Pet**, J. Sutcliffe, 9-0	G. Ramshaw	16
12	00-0000	**Ardema**, R. Sturdy, 8-11	A. Murray	10
14	0-0000	**Cantata**, I. Balding, 8-11	P. Waldron	11
15	40-0000	**Floreda**, R. Jarvis, 8-11	M. Thomas	13
16	00-0000	**Impression**, B. Lunness, 8-11	G. Sexton	9
17	0-00000	**Krafty Kate**, D. Whelan, 8-11	P. Cook	15
18	0-00104	**Midnight Dream**, T. Gates, 8-11	G. Baxter	7
19	00-0000	**Phantom Cat**, M. Masson, 8-11	A. Bond 5	4
20	00000	**Silver Wheel's**, D. Weeden, 8-11	J. Seagrave	5
21	00-0	**Sweet And Saucy**, C. Mitchell, 8-11	B. Rouse	12
22	0040-00	**Ying King**, T. Corbett, 8-11	—	17

7-4 Huzzar, 100-30 Carlevaris, 5-1 Legendary Isle, 7-1 Floreda, 9-1 Short Run, 10-1 *Simons Pet,* 12-1 Cantata, 16-1 others.

3.45 IVYCHURCH MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o : £320 : 5f)

1		**Arthur Lees**, J. Sutcliffe, 9-0	G. Ramshaw	1
2	0000	**Eric Stuart**, L. Hall, 9-0	P. Waldron	3
3	4	**James Spencer**, P. Nelson, 9-0	G. Baxter	11
6	04	***Top Portion***, C. Brittain, 9-0	J. Seagrave	7
7		**Amelia's Blush**, J. Dunlop, 8-11	Ron Hutchinson	5
9	000	**Cobber**, H. Smyth, 8-11	A. Bond 5	6
12		**Gisela**, R. Armstrong, 8-11	A. Murray	4
14		**Lady Sheik**, N. Vigors, 8-11	P. Cook	9
15		**Michelle**, G. Wallace, 8-11	F. Morby	10
16		**Senodora**, A. Davison, 8-11	C. Williams	8

7-4 James Spencer, 4-1 Top Portion, 5-1 Gisela, 6-1 Arthur Lees, 7-1 Amelia's *Blush, 12-1 others.*

4.15 APPLEDORE MAIDEN STAKES (£270 : 1m 7f 100yds)

1	4-4	**Elgar**, P. Ashworth, 6-9-0	G. Ramshaw	10
2	0-003	**Festive Season**, S. James, 4-9-0	T. Rogers	4
3		**Ibn El Harrem**, G. P-Gordon, 5-9-0	T. Slothard 7	8
4	44020-0	***Jim Barclay***, D. Dale, 4-9-0	F. Morby	9
5	000-000	**My Drake**, A. Neaves, 4-9-0	A. Bond 5	12
6	000	**Shivers Regal**, E. Goddard, 4-9-0	—	6
7	00-0000	**Sparrowchute**, A. Dalton, 4-9-0	—	11
9	04	**Carolane**, Mrs Oughton, 4-8-11	P. Cook	2
10	0	**Devil Sue**, R. Sturdy, 6-8-11	K. Corke	1
11	000	**Quiche Loraine**, D. Holland, 4-8-11	D. Atkinson	5
12	0	**Safe Orbit**, A. Davison, 5-8-11	P. Waldron	7
13		***Zeus Girl***, *D. Gandolfo, 8-8-11*	A. Murray	3

5-2 Jim Barclay, 4-1 Elgar, 5-1 Carolane, 7-1 Shivers Regal, 8-1 Festive Season, 10-1 Ibn El Harrem, 16-1 others.

Folkestone selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.45 Systematic. 2.15 Only a Monkey. 2.45 Galoprise. 3.15 Carlevaris. 3.45 James Spencer. 4.15 Elgar.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Firing Line. 2.45 Elakonee Wind. 3.15 Floreda. 3.45 Top Portion.

York selections

By Our Northern Correspondent
2.0 Red Regent **2.30 Tom Cribb.** ***3.15 Dahlia. 3.45 Dibidale. 4.15 Escorial.*** **4.45 CRY OF TRUTH is specially recommended. 5.15 Splashing.**

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Misoptimist. 2.30 Tom Cribb. ***4.15 Summer Knave. 4.45 Cry of Truth. 5.15*** **Splashing.**

Leicester results

2.15 (2.17) COALVILLE PLATE (3-y-o fillies : £276 : 1m)

Damatell, b f, by Le Levanstell—Astridama (Mr D. Robinson), 8-1 ...... J. Thompson (20-1) 1
TOWN GIRL, br f, by Town Crier—Jane Somers (Mr H. Cowley), 9-3 ...... A. Murray (8-13) 2
RUSSIAN LOVE, b f, by St Paddy—*From Russia With Love* (Mr J. Sumner), 8-8 R. Connorton (33-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-1 Song in the Air, 12-1 Tattle Tale, Royal Escapade, 14-1 Emmerdale Farm, Petit Secret (4th), 16-1 Symphonic, 20-1 Country Lass, 33-1 Modom, *Donna Pavlova, Falun,* Moon Ray, Lucy Walter, Timud. 16 ran.

TOTE: Win, £6.18; places, £1.36, 14p, £1.04. M. Jarvis, at Newmarket. ¾l, ¾l.

2.45 (2.45) REARSBY STAKES (3-y-o : £510 : 7f)

Avon Royale, ch f, by Remainder—Avon Princess (Mr D. Carvalho), 8-5 .... P. Eddery (6-1) 1
FRENCH BRIDGE, b c, by French Beige—Asa Bridge (Mr P. *Burke*), 8-5 J. Current (4-1 jt fav) 2
CAIRNDHU, ch c, by Gala Performance—Pebble Ridge (Mr B. Pullan), 8-5 L. G. Brown (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt fav Hors D'Oeuvres (4th), 9-2 Hay Bridge, 7-1 *Royal Sport*, 14-1 Lady Delphine, Liberty's Gift, Sea Emerald, 16-1 Thats Penny, Fell Swoop, 25-1 African River, Tracker Belle. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 65p; places, 21p, 18p, 36p. A. Goodwill, at Newmarket. ¾l, hd. The winner was bought in for 750 guineas.

3.15 (3.18) LANGHAM HANDICAP £541 : 7f)

Major Tory, ch h, by Major Portion—*Victorian Era* (Major J. Pope), 5-8-10 ... Miss J. Penn (20-1) 1
REGAL BINGO, ro g, by Proud Chieftain—Miss Wong (F. Freeman), 8-8-7 Miss K. Freeman (14-1) 2
BLACK CYGNET, ch f, by Black Mountain—Barnegat (Mr J. Roebling), 4-8-13 Mrs M. Robinson (9-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Habitation (4th), 6-1 Latin Barn, 15-2 Harry Churchills, 8-1 Clare Blue, 9-1 Feather Duster, 11-1 Mallane, 14-1 Burning Image, 16-1 Pasko, 20-1 Cyclamate, Fiona's Pet, Pat's Daughter, 25-1 Miralgo Joe, Jolie Dauphin, Ron's Girl, Learned Friend, Altimeg. 19 ran.

TOTE: Win, £2.35; places, 49p, 45p, 33p, 16p. R. Turnell, at Marlborough. 1½l, 1½l.

3.45 (3.47) MEASHAM HANDICAP (3-y-o: £578: 1¼m)

Pollinella, ch f, by Charlottetown—You'll be Lucky (Miss S. Parry), 9-4 .. P. Eddery (10-1) 1
CAXTON HALL, ch c, by Be Friendly—Widow's Peak (Mr A. Villar), 9-0 .. J. Gorton (9-2) 2
FEATHER TOP, b f, by Falcon—Invermore (Mr D. Robinson), 8-9 ...... B. Raymond (8-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Nobiero, 9-2 *Cora Pearl*, 7-1 *Badessa*, 12-1 Tamerglow, 14-1 Vladimir (4th), Lucy Anne, Enniscrone, Dantora, Daisy Knot, 16-1 Bridle, Garden Wall, 20-1 Pennine Rose, 33-1 Fiercy Face, Young Stuart, Argue the Toss. 18 ran.

TOTE: Win, £2.35; places, 50p, 17p, 29p, 49p. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. ¾l, 1½l. Flor Fino did not run.

4.15 (4.16) KIRBY HANDICAP (£671: 1¼m)

Glimmer of Hope, b f, by Never Say Die—Blind Date (Mr T. Bletsoe), 7-7-7 .. R. Still (20-1) 1
FARSIGHTED, ch f, by Salvo—How Far (Duke of Norfolk), 4-8-1 A. Murray (8-1) 2
SISODAN, ch g, by Never Say Die—Rose Rock (Mrs I. Griggs), 7-8-6 .... *E. Eldin* (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Lairg, 6-1 Slip Rule (4th), 15-2 Silveranter, 7-1 Apple of My Eye, 8-1 Chinese God, 16-1 Woddilton, 20-1 Complacent, Lemon, Torbellino. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.08; places, 32p, 32p, 29p. T. Waugh, at Newmarket. 1½l, ¾l.

4.45 (4.46) BAGWORTH PLATE (2-y-o: £690: *6f*)

Great Ball, ch c, by Major Portion—Bluebury (Mr A. Richards), 8-11 R. Edmondson (12-1) 1
CARDINAL WOLSEY, b c, by Henry the Seventh—Law and Impulse (Mrs M. Ainsworth), 8-11 T. Hart (7-1) 2
INZE BABA, b f, by Huntercombe—Tudor Song (Mrs E. Coupey), 9-1 ...... L. Piggott (7-4 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Virginia Drive, 11-2 Thrifty Trio (4th), 12-1 Vorias, 14-1 Mr George, 16-1 Janes Joker, 20-1 Colin Clout, Hope Cottage, Statelyworth Lad, 25-1 Mescalero, 33-1 Court Crier, Timothy Titus, Tudor Van. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, £4.57; places, 37p, 46p, 15p. D. Hanley, at Lambourn. Hd, 1½l.

5.15 (5.19) BIRTHDAY MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £421: *5f*)

Coyashika, b f, by Decoy Boy—Motashaka (Mr J. Eastwood), 8-11 ...... E. Johnson (10-1) 1
MY BELLE, b f, by Pall Mall—Le Levanbelle (Mr J. Fisher), 8-11 P. Tulk (4-1 jt fav) 2
BIEN ETONNE, ch f, by Jimmy Reppin—Ranjita (Mr G. van der Ploeg), 8-11 .. J. Gorton (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt fav Crimson Dawn, 11-2 *Starlit Way* (4th), 8-1 Marette, 14-1 Cricket S, La Pellegrena, Malmstreet, Miss Kilbride (refused to race), 15-1 Sharon-Ann, 20-1 Skye, 33-1 Blue Movie, Carlquest, Gipsy Style, Golden Crier, Injudicious, Katie Louise, Love Levee, My Kingdom, Pikella, Poppet Time, Ramelle, *Tossy's* Girl, Welcome Sara. 25 ran.

TOTE: Win, 94p; places, 45p, 26p, 59p. S. Hall, at Middleham. Nk, hd.

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THE ARTS

Break with tradition

The 28th Edinburgh Festival opened on Sunday, with a departure from recent tradition. Instead of the usual choral concert from the Edinburgh Festival Chorus this was an orchestral one from the Scottish National. We all know, of course, of the SNO's normal excellence; and it seems a pity to put it to the test on this occasion, when the orchestra is busily engaged preparing for its opera house performances later in the week.

In fact, Alexander Gibson conducted what was really rather a shabby performance of *Leonore* No 3 overture. Some of the timing was rocky in the opening adagio, and the fast music had no real impulse, no firm rhythmic control, and thus little in the way of excitement.

Nor did it sound as though the tuttis of Mozart's K.488 concerto had been carefully rehearsed. Clifford Curzon has taken part in better performances. But this one had some fine things. I relished Mr Curzon's insistence on finishing every phrase no less interestingly, at least, than he began it. His performance, once past the first movement, gave the impression of being very exact and interpretatively very complete, thoroughly thought out but entirely spontaneous in feeling.

If this was not a perfect concert, then, it was at least an extremely distinguished one. With Sir Michael Tippett conducting his Third Symphony, both imperfection and distinction continued. This is a fearfully testing score, and if its meaning (a safe word for a symphony so overtly metaphysical) is to come across it needs to be thrown off with a kind of nonchalant virtuosity which is quite beyond the SNO under Tippett. Ensemble was often insecure. Yet one was left in no doubt of the work's grandeur and passion.

The symphony, first given in 1972, draws on much other Tippett, the operas in particular. At first it counterposes, in his favourite way, batches of material contrasting almost to the point of incongruity: forceful fanfare-like brass music, chattering woodwind, high convoluted string lines, percussive outbursts; later they come simultaneously. They interact in bold, unexpected and striking ways. Then there is a slow movement, coloured by violas and flutes with tortuous lines, a gorgeous, hedonistic music, set against slow, grave music for the low strings, and then dissolving into a rich, sometimes *Messiah*-like, almost psychedelic sound tapestry.

There is a scherzo, again multi-layered, and a finale based on blues settings for soprano. If the finale seemed an inept culmination, it may be because it was not satisfactorily presented. The message of passionate compassion seemed trite and generalized, lesser than the message of the instrumental music; and that may have been due, at least in part, to the approximate and inappropriately Brünnhilde-like style in which it was sung by Margaret Kingsley.

Stanley Sadie

Catherine Gayer Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh

Stanley Sadie

Edinburgh on a Monday morning may not seem the obvious setting for cabaret turns. What Catherine Gayer and a group of instrumentalists offered at the festival's first morning concert was in fact cabaret turns with a difference, and might equally be represented as devout attempts towards seeing Schoenberg in the round in his centenary year. Schoenberg wrote some light music during his "'prentice years" and arranged some more later on. If his light touch proved to be a shade overweight, no one is likely to be surprised.

The arrangements—of a couple of Strauss waltzes and Denza's "Funiculi, funicula"—are fairly straightforward. Made in the 1920s for a private ensemble including the composer, Berg and Webern, they are scarcely in any way characteristic, and could be any decent hack's piece of reduction. I suppose one might, at a pinch, note a certain fullness of texture as a typical feature. One waltz is for piano, string quartet and harmonium, the other with flute and clarinet as well; the other piece uses strings, clarinet, mandolin and guitar. These were done by an ensemble, led by Clive Thomas with Bruno Canino at the piano, whose sense of style seemed more Schoenbergian than Straussian.

The Schoenberg songs, written at the very beginning of the century, were in their way more interesting. First was "Nachtwandler", a slightly clumsy piece with trumpet, piccolo, drum and piano, not without echoes of Mahlerian irony or pre-echoes of the manner of *Pierrot Lunaire*. Then the delightful Catherine Gayer sang the seven Brettl-Lieder with piano. These were composed as night-club songs, and one must suppose that Schoenberg went only to very serious and intellectual night clubs. In style they recall Wolf in playful and Richard Strauss in amorous mood. The accompaniments are elaborate in texture and imagery, rich in harmony and figuration. For this kind of music Schoenberg lacked the directness and the economy which are needed to make points sharply; they are overcomposed. Here and there, like in the arching chromatic melody of "Mahnung", one thinks of the Weill of 30 years later; but Weill knew how to isolate the essential.

So, too, did Gershwin in his simpler and cruder way. Miss Gayer sang two groups of his songs, surely a bit more raucously than he would have liked—this music is not parody, after all. Her manner was apter to the Schoenberg items, with their naughtier, more sidelong glances at life's delights. Richard Rodney Bennett accompanied promptly, perhaps a shade inflexibly in the Gershwin.

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Grace Bumbry in four new roles

In a BBC2 special to be shown on Sunday Grace Bumbry will sing fully-staged excerpts from four roles, none of which she has yet performed in this country. The roles are Lady Macbeth in Verdi's *Macbeth*, Elvira in Verdi's *Ernani*, Santuzza in *Cavalleria Rusticana*, and the title role in *Aida*. The television presentation allows Grace Bumbry to sing both the roles of Amneris and Aida in the Act II duet. She is accompanied by the New Philharmonia Orchestra conducted by John Matheson, and the programme contains a filmed interview with Bernard Levin.

Musical from Greenwich Village

The American musical *Let My People Come* will open at the Regent Theatre, Oxford Circus, on August 29, after 10 days of previews from August 19.

Let My People Come is composed and written by Earl Wilson Jr and produced and directed by Phil Oesterman. The cast consists of seven young men and seven young women all aged between 18 and 25, many of whom will appear nude at various times during the evening.

Let My People Come deals musically with most forms of sexual pleasure. Love-making, it is stated, is treated as an enjoyable, "meaningful" activity which is occasionally funny and rarely sad.

The piece opened in Greenwich Village's Village Gate Theatre in January, where it is still playing to capacity business, and other productions, it is said, are being prepared for Paris, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Toronto, Chicago, Houston, Detroit and Sydney.

Benjamin Luxon: still much to learn

"When you come down to it, you've got to deliver the vocal goods." That is the view of Benjamin Luxon, Posa in the English National Opera's new production of *Don Carlos* tomorrow, about what is required of an opera singer. From being a distinguished member of the English Opera Group and an accomplished Lieder singer (much admired in Vienna, that musically hard-to-please city), he is now trying to enter the operatic big-time and very conscious how much he has to learn (literally—his repertory in that field is small), how much in a large opera house a big tone counts.

"I became aware, when I was singing Onegin at Covent Garden last month, that there comes a time when you've got to let fly and hope for the best. And I think in that part my singing gained in stature as the run went along. I became conscious of things technically and vocally that I could achieve. But this Verdi will be the real test. He keeps you up in that top third of your voice for so long; boy, it's high—and it's also very long."

Luxon, a likable Cornishman, enjoys playing the likable Posa. "If you're the right sort of person, I don't think you have to work too hard on the characterization of that part. He's the sympathetic middle-man. There are many more problems with Onegin, which I shall be coming back to at Covent Garden next year. There's such a discrepancy between Pushkin's Onegin and Tchaikovsky's. In the story he's much more of a cad than in the opera. Pushkin makes him quite relentless. In the music, the nastiness is under-emphasized. It's tempered by the wonderful romanticism in the music. I feel the part as a constant challenge; above all, you mustn't alienate him.

"Then so much there depends on him and Tatyana. In *Carlos*, if one of the roles isn't perfectly done, it doesn't completely upset the balance of the work. Obviously it wouldn't be ideal, but it would still work. If your Onegin or Tatyana is poor, you're in trouble."

The words "involvement" and "commitment" come up a lot in conversation with Luxon, whether he is discussing opera or Lieder, and he believes many faults will be overlooked by an audience if they feel the performer is completely convinced and convincing. "When I tackle something new, I have to find a way that will work for me because then I know that it will communicate to the people. That's the only way I can operate".

And he has always been determined not to be pigeon-holed. "As soon as I went into this business, I saw the danger of being put into one category or another, 'Oh, he's an oratorio man, and he's a Verdi singer', and I didn't want any part of it. I said to myself, nobody is going to put me in my box. My early years, in a sense, were spent in just preventing that from happening. On the other hand, I *was* anxious to make my mark in Lieder, and Walter Gruner at the Guildhall School gave me all the guidance I required. He fed me with Schubert, Wolf, Schumann, Strauss, and I loved the meal."

Was he good at languages? "Not particularly, but I think I have an ear for them. I have a feeling for German, and when I did *Onegin* on the Glyndebourne tour I got on quite well in Russian. I'm as interested, too, in the texts as in the music, and when I'm learning a song I work often at first through the words, but of course the two things are inextricably mixed—words and music—in Lieder."

He is rather depressed, as are many of us, by the fact that nobody will go to Lieder recitals here unless they are by Fischer-Dieskau or Janet Baker. "I've given several Elizabeth Hall recitals and they've been critically well-received, but I always seem to be singing to the same people, to the converted, and I want to reach out to a wider public. Maybe when I've got myself established in opera in a year or two I will return and try again. Sooner or later, I'll make the breakthrough. Meanwhile my recitals will be mostly abroad or outside London."

In spite of the more lucrative lure of the theatre, he said: "There's nothing quite like the recital platform—if you can make it work. In opera, there are a hundred things that can go wrong that are utterly beyond your control, whereas in recitals you make your own running. If you succeed, you know you've been working along the right lines; if you fail, well you know it's your own fault and you must take another look at things."

Luxon, on his own admission, comes from "a completely unsophisticated background. My father had a beautiful bass voice and a natural feeling for singing, but, like in Wales, there wasn't much classical music beyond *Elijah* and *Messiah* once a year each. All the rest was like on my record with Bob Tear, *The Dicky Bird and the Owl*, ballads, etc. So I can't see why I was able so easily to latch on to the world of Schubert and Wolf. For me, they were a revelation—like being given a highly coloured book as a child. They overwhelmed me.

"That's why I didn't do any opera until the EOG came along. I wouldn't go into any choruses
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Any particular things
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please — Papageno, perl
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course, Giovanni."

Alan B

International Festival of Youth Orchestras Albert Hall/Central Hall

Max Harrison

Impossible to list all the orchestras, still less the conductors and soloists, taking part in this Aberdeen and London festival. On Saturday, for example, there were four concerts in different parts of London, and these alone involved 10 orchestras. Deprived of a helicopter, I was unable to get from Kenwood to Crystal Palace Concert Bowl to Holland Park, and so confined myself to the Central Hall.

There, a very long concert started with the Tokyo Youth Symphony Orchestra who, under Nicholas Braithwaite, gave a passionless, completely accurate, performance of Nicolai's *Merry Wives of Windsor* overture. The hall's boxy acoustics robbed them of their bass, so the sound was hard and confined. Next, Iwao Fukui's Four Seasons end Suite conducted by Shunsaku Tsutsumi. This was like the music normally heard in western films about the Orient—so much so that the three traditional Japanese instruments employed sounded quite out of place.

The orchestra and chorus of Calvin College, Geneva, gave many excerpts from Monteverdi's *Vespro Della Beata Vergine* in which choir, orchestra and organ all too often fused into a single undifferentiated mass of sound. We heard, too, Saint-Saëns third – symphony, again with organ, from the Bedfordshire Youth Orchestra under Michael Rose, and there were more congested textures here. A very agreeable catalogue of percussion laden orchestral effects was provided, however, by Larry Sitsky's Apparitions, played by the Canberra Youth Orchestras conducted by Nelson Cooke.

Matters were simpler at the Albert Hall on Sunday because there was only one orchestra, and comparatively few conductors and soloists. The International Festival Youth Orchestra comprises the best players from all participating groups and is arrived at only by many
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Youth Festival Sadler's Wells

John Percival

Five conductors, three dance companies, two choirs, two orchestras and soloists from a third, with singers from the London Opera Centre made up the cast for the "festival variety gala" at Sadler's Wells on Sunday afternoon, one of the concluding presentations of the sixth international festival of youth orchestras and performing arts.

There was to have been a new ballet, too, by David Blair, using young dancers from several countries, but when the University Dance Group from Prague had to cry off, the other dance ensembles took over their performing commitments during the festival's fortnight in Aberdeen, leaving no time for rehearsals.

Of the dance companies, the Dance Theatre of Fiji looked quite a professional venture, although formed only last year from student teachers at Nasinu Training College. Their opening scene of a battle between two rival groups caused some unintended laughs until the single combats began. The use of clubs like hockey sticks to throttle each other proved so gruesomely realistic that laughter was chilled.

A spear dance for the men and a dance with fans for the women gave more opportunity to wonder at their exotic make-up. The men black their eyes in the shape of a mask, the women wear black circles on their cheeks. Unfortunately the programme gave no hint whether this, or the white bows worn on wrists and ankles by the girls, had any significance other than decoration.

A group from the graduation class at the Budapest Ballet School, directed by Zsuzsa Kun, who is remembered in London as a very talented ballerina, revealed a great deal of promise in three dances. A character dance from Gyula Harangozó's ballet *Handkerchief* showed the girls all exceptionally pretty, the men notably virile and both sexes full of spirit.

Antal Fodor's *Pavane* to the Purcell Chaconne for strings allowed its cast of four to display a gift for dramatic expression in the course of a formal dance where the man of one couple falls for the woman of the other pair. In a *pas de
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gramme of many talents.

Three Choirs Festival Gloucester Cathedral

Kenneth Loveland

Composers are not necessarily the best judges of their own music, but few at the opening concert of the Three Choirs Festival in Gloucester Cathedral on Sunday evening would feel like quarrelling with the advance prediction of Wilfred Josephs that his specially commissioned overture, *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* might be his noisiest work. At the end, there were decibel-battered eardrums and protesting echoes to prove the point.

It is not essentially a bad piece, although at times it gives the impression of obstinately trying to be. The composer's dedication is to all who must die (pretty comprehensive), especially those who do so unnecessarily, and the centre of the work, a remorseless pounding gallop, drives home the message—we are all hell-bent for destruction.

The orchestra is large with quadruple woodwind and extra brass, and as the horses thunder along all sorts of precedents jostle in the mind. The ride to the abyss in Berlioz's *Damnation of Faust*, Romeo's stormy ride in Zandonai's *Giulietta e Romeo* and, at the point where the rhythm is first lumbering into action, Mossolov's *Music of the Machines*, popular at the Proms 14 years ago, are recalled.

That the overture has to be excessively loud is partly explained by the composer's idea of the subject and partly by his stated desire to explore all the possibilities of Gloucester Cathedral's acoustics. Yet it is surprising that he does not use them more imaginatively. For example, there is no real effort to exploit antiphonal opportunities. If the extra brass placed above the chancel screen were intended to fulfil that function, they did not do so; they acted merely as a supplementary to the orchestral declamation going on below.

There are one or two effective moments when tumult dissolves into silence after the manner of Holst's *Neptune* (*The Planets* was to follow later) and some attractively harmonized string writing. Although the excessive rhetoric is hardly justified by results, at least at the first performance it provided a chance to admire the skill of Louis Fremaux in controlling large instrumental forces and the total brilliance of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in its highly disciplined response.

To follow, there was the symphony No 3 of Saint-Saens, with Ralph Downes at the organ, and Mr Fremaux to show us, as he has done before, that here is a symphony which teaches that a large volume of sound can still be capable of subtle refinements. The ears were grateful for the reassurance.

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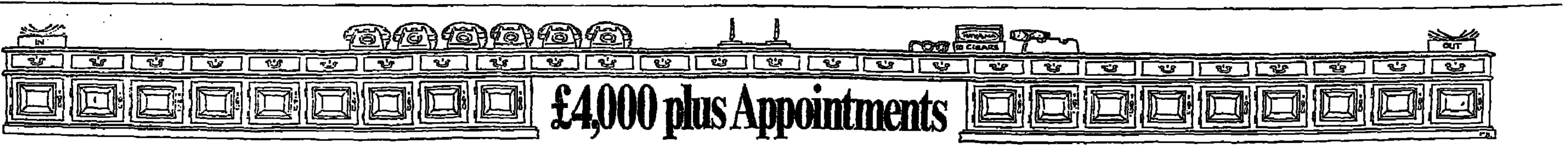

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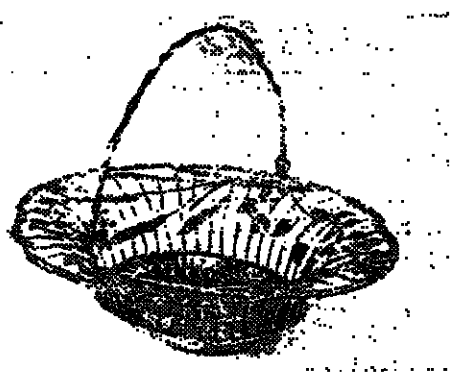

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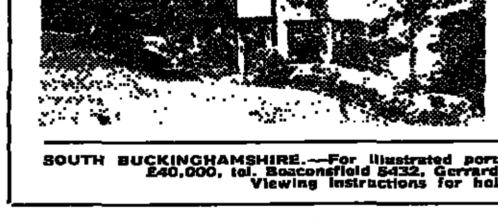

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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of RINGMAKER MUSIC Limited Nature of Business: Music publishers

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 22nd July 1974

DATE and PLACE of FIRST *MEETINGS:*

CREDITORS 2nd September 1974, at Room 407, 4th Floor Inveresk House, 346 Strand, London, W.C.2 at 2.15 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES On the same day and at the same place at 2.45 o'clock.

N. SADDLER,
Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of ENTERPRISE RECORDS & DISTRIBUTION Limited Nature of Business: Manufacturers & dealers in records and recorded tapes

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 29th July 1974

DATE and PLACE of first MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 3rd September 1974, at Room 404 Thomas More Building, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, W.C.2.

CONTRIBUTORIES On the same day and at the same place at 10.45 o'clock.

N. SADDLER,
Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of BARRY KIRKHAM ASSOCIATES Limited *Nature of Business:* Communication planning consultants

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 29th July 1974

DATE and PLACE of FIRST *MEETINGS:*

CREDITORS 3rd Seppember 1974, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6NP at 11.00 o'clock

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New attitudes in Whitehall and the town halls as vital as new sources of revenue

Councils cannot simply buy their way out of trouble

With the naming of the committee of inquiry into local government *finance, it is a good* time to look at the importance of independent sources of finance to local government both in the context of the relationship between it and the central Government and the constantly expressed political wish for the achievement of a strong and viable local government system.

Since the Second World War there has been a decline in the *range of services provided* by local authorities, but the cost of those remaining has risen sharply. This is partly because of the development of those services to meet rising public expectations, notably in education, *housing and the social* services, and partly because local authorities, being labour intensive organizations, tend to suffer severely from the effects of inflation.

The problem is made all the *more acute by the lack of* buoyancy in the local source of income—the rate. The yield from some tax sources rises with inflation (income tax is perhaps the best example), but rate income does not.

Because of local government's inability to absorb inflation, some local authorities are discussing whether or not to levy a supplementary rate this year. There is every likelihood that if the present arrange*ments for financing local gov*ernment continue, rate levies will rise next year by an average of 30 per cent in addition to this year's already steep increases.

The relief to domestic ratepayers recently announced by the Government does nothing to help local authority cash flow *problems; it does not help* marginal commercial enterprises and it will do nothing to help local authorities next year. Of course none of this was intended, but the way the additional relief has been granted *this year will make the problem* of controlling rate levies worse next year.

This discrepancy between the rate paid by the domestic and the non-domestic ratepayer has been widened. The cost of this is about £600m—equivalent to nearly 20 per cent of total general grant aid to local authorities. Unless *the domestic* ratepayer is to suffer an even higher increase than the average of 30 per cent already mentioned, the cost of domestic relief will rise next year to about £800m, and this clearly *reduces the Government's abil*ity to help local authorities generally, as distinct from just domestic ratepayers.

Local authorities obtain their revenue funds from government grants, rates, rents, and miscellaneous charges. The chances of increasing income significantly from rents and other charges are very slight. For example, a *rise in rents which will now be* possible from next year, will only serve to reduce deficits which arise on the housing accounts of local authorities; and in the present social climate it seems impossible, at least in the short term, to increase income from charges, except marginally.

So there are four main options.

First, to maintain the present proportion of central government grant aid, now at over 63 per cent of rate fund *expenditure*, with perhaps some small changes in the method of distribution. This would mean significant rate rises next year for many local authorities. Or secondly, to maintain the present proportions of central government grant aid and for local government to cut back severely its expenditure in order to keep rate increases at, say, 10 to 15 per cent. This means cutting expenditure on the education and social services and would involve probably the closure of some educational and social service institutions.

Thirdly, for the central Government to increase its grant aid by 10 per cent to 73 per *cent to hold rate increases* to 15 per cent. Or fourthly, for more functions to be removed from local government.

Or some combination of these options could be worked out.

Clearly there is scope for *examining ways of increasing* the efficiency of local authority spending although some resources must be wasted. It would be complacent to deny these things; but it would be a grave error to assume that local government is so inefficient that major savings in spending could be achieved which would *dramatically* reduce the call upon public funds and yet maintain services at existing levels. Equally because the benefits arising from local authority expenditure cannot be measured easily, there is scope for considerable debate about the efficiency and effectiveness of such *expenditure*.

Recent events covering various aspects of local government have generated considerable public discussion. Forecasts of very high rate rises next year indicate that local government is hard up against the day of reckoning. The length of time available to the reformed local government system to prove itself is shortening; and the catalyst is inflation.

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How far is the central Government prepared to go on supporting the institution of local government financially, and perhaps more importantly how far are local authorities prepared to accept increased central government aid with the apparent increasing control that flows from it.

With inflation rates as the independent local source of income, and *no fundamental change in public attitudes* towards providing public sector services, then the situation in local government terms can only deteriorate. Hence the importance of the present inquiry.

Parliament increasingly expects a high level of performance from government in developing and administering certain *major services. But due to the* division of responsibility between central and local government, the central Government does not directly control the administration of most of these major services and respons*ibility lies with local govern*ment.

The central Government therefore finds itself in a dilemma which is further complicated by the pressures generated by a desire to manage the economy of the country more effectively. This dilemma is being solved in three ways. First *by removing services* from local government and operating them through non-elected central Government agencies whose activities are not normally open to public debate; secondly, by increasing central Government control over those services which remain with local government, and thirdly (and this has now happened), by reforming the local government structure.

These solutions certainly suggest a fundamental lack of confidence in the institution of local government and in its ability to provide efficient and adequate services. Equally it *can only be construed that central Government* harbours deep anxieties about the reformed local government system otherwise it would not have pursued at the time of the reform, the policy of centralizing into non-*democratic organizations* the health services and possibly also parts of the water industry. This policy of centralization, as was pointed out by the Kilbrandon Commission is the antithesis of what is required for a strong *local government system*.

The form of central Government control over local authorities *has changed over* the past few years. There has been a greater willingness to remove detailed controls, but control over broader local government policies has been gradually tightened. Central Government is now more concerned with the wood rather than individual trees. Local discretion still exists in important areas, but it is blunted by local government's inability to finance itself.

Central Government must see this as an important virtue of rating because it effectively prevents local government spending funds in a way which makes it more difficult for the central Government to control the *national economy*.

Central Government control, which concentrates on the *development of individual services*, allied with the circumvention of local discretion makes the exercise of local initiative increasingly difficult. It removes responsibility for action, or lack of action, from local government's shoulders on to those of central Government. It becomes easy, indeed desirable, to blame central Government, and the question that may then be asked is what *confidence has local government* in its own powers and abilities to provide adequate services? Loss of confidence in any partnership by either partner dangerously weakens the confidence of the other *partner. The core of the problem* is the question of adequate independent financial resources.

If local government had strong independent sources of finance it would have a greater *ability and desire to seek out* (and "seek out" must be emphasized) and satisfy those community needs which local government is best suited to provide. Those who genuinely support the need in this country *for a vital and relevant local* government system ought also to see this as the key factor. There should flow from this a recognition of the need for responsibility in action by local government and an understand*ing of the problems that such* sources of finance would present for central Government.

For these reasons it is extremely *important* to disen*tangle three problems*. One is associated with the need to find an adequate independent local source of taxation; a second is the need to find a way of recognizing central Government's political responsibilities; and a third, central Government's concern with the management of the national economy.

But a disentangling process is *complicated by the question of* central Government's confidence in local government. Clearly central Government will be less anxious to agree to the provision of new independent taxable resources *if it is uncertain about local government's ability to* use them wisely, and views on wisdom are dictated to a considerable degree by political considerations.

But in all this there is one argument in local government's favour *which does not seem to* have been put at all strongly. It concerns the changing nature of the demands *of the com*munity upon local government and local government's response to those changing demands. In the past local authorities have been concerned with the provision of a range of services. Now they are increasingly concerned with the totality of the community's environment, with the growing importance of social services, and with the links which are readily shown to exist between social services, housing, education and the physical environment.

These links indicate the fallacy of central Government's service by service approach, which attempts to deny resources to some services while *making them available to others*. This ignores the relationship which exists between services, it distorts the development of communities and even if it does not actually cause increasing problems, particularly for the *social service organizations* of local authorities, it does make them more difficult to solve.

The Green Paper, *The Future Shape of Local Government Finance*, issued in 1971, eventually resulted in the conclusion that rates would have to stay as the only independent local source of taxation and that the balance of the funds needed would have to be found from the Exchequer. This conclusion has been shown by events to be inadequate if only because rates cannot support inflation in local government spending at the present rate.

It is easy to argue from a local government standpoint that the central Government at this time took the easy way out and decided to continue the existing arrangements. But local government cannot *absolve itself* from blame. It must recognize that any alternative puts the central Government into a risk situation *which clearly* can be dangerous for economic and political reasons.

If local government is to plead the case for new sources of local revenue, it must indicate how it would respond to the resultant responsibilities and probably be prepared to accept some interim form of *control during any period of* adjustment. New attitudes will be required on both sides and the cardinal error would be to assume that all that is needed is a new form of local taxation for some existing income source.

If that assumption were made then inevitably the arguments for new sources of revenue would founder as they have in the past on the rocks of Parliamentary responsibility and national economic management. Consequently there *would* be fundamentally little change from the present situation of *decline in* local government with increasing centralization of functions in non-democratic institutions based at Whitehall.

Noel P. Hepworth

Mr Hepworth is Director of Finance, London Borough of Croydon.

Letter to my constituents

Treating the symptoms but not the disease

The theme of Rousseau's Social Contract was "Man was born free, yet everywhere he is in chains". Now, when there is so much talk in the air of a new social contract, we see man in the western world, having begun to break out of his old chains, political and economic, *and of* tyranny, war, privation, apparently bent on forging new ones *with which to shackle himself*. New despotisms replace the old: strife between the nations is succeeded by strife within the nations; the new prosperity that knowledge makes possible is threatened by man-created *inflation and domestic discord*; man's new ability to exploit the resources of nature is equalled by his power to misuse and exhaust them. A generation presented by science and technology with greater prospects *of freedom from fear and want* than ever have been available in man's history, seems bent on casting them away.

We must recognize both the magnitude and the origin of the changes that are shaking our *whole society to its foundations*, presenting what seem to some dire consequences, and to others great opportunities. The origins are twofold and inter-linked: First, the rapid progress of science and technology; second, *the belated but powerful effects* of universal education.

The multiplication of the destructive power of weapons has made all out war between the major nations virtually unthinkable. The development of industrial and commercial techniques makes clearly possible a rapid advance in *living standards, coupled with a reduction* in the effort needed to achieve them. For the first time prospects of lasting peace and rapidly increasing leisure lie before us. Yet the first consequences are disappointing.

Man's aggressive instinct remains, and in the absence of violence between countries, we are seeing a dramatic increase of violence within countries. Whether it be the terrorist, the hijacker, or merely the violent criminal, can anyone *seriously* argue it is more coincidence that the grave developments of these dangers has come at a time when wars on a major scale appear to be over?

The prospects of growing leisure and easier prosperity have removed the old disciplines of privation and unemployment, and can anyone doubt that from this springs much of the modern trend to social and indust*rial discord? No sane person* will wish to see a return to international war, or to the old hard industrial disciplines. But no thoughtful person should fail to recognize that we need, but have not yet found, something to take their place.

The wide spread of education is also having its effect, both *nationally and internationally*. The secret of the strength of the so-called ruling classes, be they aristocratic, landed or mercantile, was not the inheritance of wealth but the monopoly of education. So long as the few possessed skills that the many did not, their moral position maintained their social supremacy. But now we see a new consciousness of power arising among those who can control the essentials of life for whole communities.

As industry has grown more complicated, it has grown more liable to disruption and more dependent on certain national resources. Hence the growth of *power*, both of trade unions in key positions at home and of international unions of countries who can exercise a monopoly over the supply, for example, of energy. Miners and oil producers alike have now *recognized the power* they possess and how it can be exercised. While the more thoughtful among them clearly recognize that such power cannot be abused without damage to all, including themselves, this recognition is by no means yet universal.

And at the same time as this *consciousness of power* has developed, so there has developed a feeling of the right to participate more directly in decisions which affect the individual futures, be it of men and women or of countries. As *modern society has grown more* vulnerable to the use of force, so the point at which decisions are taken has grown more and more remote, and a desire to

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M Lardinois approaches farmers with CAP in hand

These days M Pierre Lardinois, *the European Commissioner for* Agriculture, feels more like a European fireman than the custodian of the EEC's common farm policy. Since the spring, he has spent most of his time scurrying between Brussels and other European capitals trying to damp down a series of national measures, which as *they* have *multiplied*, have threatened the whole foundations of the Common Agricultural Policy.

First, there were the Italian import curbs, which quickly isolated that country's agricultural market from the rest of the community. No sooner had these restrictions been dismantled than the French *announced* a series of national subsidies imperilling free competition in the EEC.

In what he describes as yet another "little bit of Kissinger diplomacy", M Lardinois travelled to Paris last month to put pressure on the French to abandon their plans. But to no avail. *Since then three other* EEC member states—Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands—have followed the example of introducing special national measures to pacify their protesting farmers. Only the *Dutch have kept strictly* within the Community's rules.

Smouldering away in the *background have been* the British Government's attempts to "renegotiate" or, as M Lardinois would put it, to "modify" the Community's agricultural policy along the *lines drawn up in the Labour* Party manifesto. These proposed changes, too, if implemented in full, would further jeopardize the CAP edifice.

But notwithstanding his evident dislike for new measures to satisfy the particular domestic requirements of the British, M Lardinois, who, unlike many *of his colleagues in the Commission* is not prone to excessive optimism, is fairly confident that most of the British demands can be met within the existing framework of the CAP.

In an interview with *The Times*, he argued that the Labour Government was now more favourably inclined to the *workings* of the agricultural policy than a few months ago. "I think that the new government have understood that the CAP—how it works in practice—is much more flexible than they thought. If a British Gov*ernment comes up with new* ideas more suited to their agricultural circumstances, then it is quite often possible to comply with such demands at a community level", he said. He regards the recent decision to give special EEC premiums to beef farmers as a concrete example of the Community's willingness to meet specific British requests.

When the Labour Government came to power, the Com*munity had to make a choice*, he says. Either it left Britain outside the Common Agricultural Policy or it tried to show the country's new leadership

that the CAP was not as static *and unadaptable as it might* have imagined. "I think we managed to do this quite well", he adds. "The previous Conservative Government realized that the CAP was quite flexible because they worked alongside us *during* the *entry* negotiations and during the first year or so of British membership. A new government, particularly when they have been out of office for a long time, have to learn. But I think a man like Mr Peart, who cannot be called a pro-marketeer at all, now has a much more positive attitude towards the way things work than when *I first met him* as the new Minister of Agricul*ture six months ago*".

This new constructive approach by the British has encouraged M. Lardinois to hope that even the more radical "renegotiation" demands can be resolved within the Community.

For example, the far-reaching British request for continued access to the community of Australian sugar on top of the 1.4 million tons which the EEC promised to buy from the developing commonwealth countries, should not pose an insuperable problem, he feels. "This can be worked out during the EEC's September and October discussions on the whole internal and *external sugar markets*."

He thinks it unlikely that the Commission will be required to draw up a whole batch of suggested modifications to the agricultural policy incorporating elements of the Labour Government's "renegotiation" demands. Instead he expects most of the points to be dealt with in the normal *course of* business. "For example, we are at present working on new arrangements to liberalize the community's potato trade. This is a case where the British at present have a very rigid mar*keting system and where we* can ask them for freer trade in exchange for more liberal community arrangements for other commodities", *he says*.

But, like other EEC leaders throughout the Community, Mr *Lardinois* is reluctant to offer too many concessions to the Labour Government while the domestic political situation *in* Britain is unsettled. "I think that when there is a stable government, be it Conservative or Labour, we shall be able to see much more clearly what to do. At least, we shall know what sort of government we shall have to deal with over the coming five years."

Nevertheless, he is confident that Britain's renegotiation of the CAP can be completed by next Spring at the latest even if the present political uncertainty persists. "I assume that the time will come perhaps even as early as January when the *government looks at its list of* demands and says, well, there *is still this and that to resolve*. Then, perhaps, they'll ask the council for a special meeting to resolve the remaining outstanding points."

He is pleased that, to date, the Labour Government has been content to seek authorization for special measures like the beef premiums from the *Community's institutions* like the Council of Ministers. But he thinks there is a real risk that after the recent national measures announced unilaterally by so many founder members of the Community the British may in future be tempted to follow suit.

"It is clear", he says, 'that *the discipline we once* had *in* this respect is not there at the moment. Perhaps it is part of an overall picture that there is now less discipline within the *countries themselves*. In the individual countries, more and *more groups* are trying to get something extra out of the economy by every possible means. This trend *is not peculiar to* one particular country or another, but it is a dangerous road".

It would be ironical indeed, he feels, if France, the champion of the Common Agricultural policy, were to be instrumental *in* encouraging a wavering Labour Government to opt out of it, or worse, from the Com*munity's point of view, to help* sabotage its already delicate fabric.

David Cross

The Times Diary

British Pearlies in grim canyons

Swinging London has not yet, it seems, lost all its exotic allure. A tiny corner of its tattered remains is to be reincarnated for a day in New York. On September 8, what *The New York Times* calls the "grimly silent and empty canyons of Vanderbilt Avenue" will be turned into Portobello Road from noon until dusk. Despite their intentions to echo there faithfully as many quaint English customs as possible, the Americans are clearly not up *to the early morning start* regarded as *de rigueur* by the real Portobello Road camp *followers*.

Edwin Gifford is in London with his wife to promote and *prepare* for the event. He says the idea is "to create a focus for downtown New York so New Yorkers can enjoy their neighbourhoods the way Londoners do." A motley crew of Britons is to be whisked to New York to participate *in this fast* focus.

The Mayor of the Royal *Borough of* Kensington and Chelsea is going to open the market. He needs his mace to do it, so the borough's mace bearer goes too. According to Edwin Gifford there will be "*three Pearlies including the* Pearly King of London". The Pearly King's granddaughter's intended coronation is being held up because they cannot get enough pearl buttons for her coronation dress. The price of pearl buttons, like everything else, has escalated. So there is to be a special pearl button *appeal in New York*.

Some authentic Portobello Road antiques dealers will be on *hand too. The City of New York* have given them a special dispensation. In order to make their sums easier these people will be able to deal in pounds sterling. Given the sad state of the pound, this possibly gives them a cunning advantage over the 250 American stall holders who will be there.

Gifford says the news of the market day was a call to colours for all British groups in the United States. The Daughters of the British Empire crawled into their attics and cellars to look for antiques to sell. The Morris *dancers* of Massachusetts are strapping on their bells in readiness. "We don't have many Morris dancers", says Mrs Gifford. "But those we have are fanatics."

Personal

The National Film Theatre launches a season of what it calls "avant-garde" films today. The season lasts until September 12. Nine of the *films have been supplied by an* organization of four young film buffs who call themselves Twenty Four Frames. They are not keen on the term avant-garde. One of them Peter Du Cane, said yesterday that he preferred the terms "experimental" or "personal". He was especially keen on *personal*.

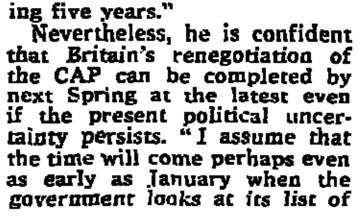
There is no commercial outlet for these films, he said, but they do get the occasional screening at specialist festivals and on progressive continental television channels.

It is easy for a lay diarist to understand why these films do not appeal to a mass market. *Judging from a press preview* yesterday, the films are so personal as to be secretive. Ordinary people would ask what was going on. In *Oh Dem Watermelons*, for instance, watermelons are crushed, cut in half, and trodden upon. One becomes *involved in an erotic adventure* with a young woman.

Another film *Seashore*, is made up of a series of turn-of-the-century shots of seabathers. The shots have been looped so that the film appears to have been stuck *in a groove*. To quote from the release: "*Seashore* is made up of found footage, structured in loop form. The film maker has an obvious interest in the surface nature of films; scratches, torn frames, reverse images. A beautiful dance-like movement is created by the visual effects." The film was received in respectful silence, though towards the end of its 11 minutes someone yawned.

Where are these experiments leading? Already, says Peter Du Cane, people are making films without cameras—by printing patterns straight on to film. Perhaps soon we shall have film shows *with no images* on the screen. Funnier things have happened to music.

A planning report before the Suffolk county council referred to "low profile landscape". A baffled member was told it meant flat.



Today's bewildering road sign was photographed some years ago in Bexley, Kent, by H. R. Driffield of Taunton.

Homey

Norman Kolpas's hamburger quest takes him to the wilder shores of Stoke Newington:

The necessity of Friday and *Saturday night reservations* for a Stoke Newington hamburger restaurant would seem as unlikely as London Transport requiring advance bookings for the Tube. Yet The Beanery seems constantly busy and, small as it is, people wait in the pub across Stoke Newington Church Street, *from which they are fetched* by the amiable American proprietors when a table is ready.

The restaurant is the closest thing I have seen in London to a homey American cookery. Everything appears to have been carefully made by the owners, from the curtains in the windows to the wood-panelled walls with *Citizen Kane* stills, *to the booths and seat cushions*. They also cook and wait on the tables.

I ordered a cheeseburger (65p) and, there not being any milk shakes on the menu, a 12-ounce bottle of Schlitz beer (32p). My burger, on a fresh chewy bap roll, was made from lean fresh mince, and the melted cheese was a good mild cheddar. The chips, a large serving, were crisply cooked. There was only one relish tray for the six tables, so I had to wait a few minutes for ketchup, mustard, chopped onion, and pickle. No salad came *with the burger*, and as a side item it was highly priced at 45p.

Hoping to finish the meal in fine American style, I ordered a brownie with ice-cream (44p), expecting it to be gooey *with* fudge. But The Beanery's version, beneath two large scoops of creamy vanilla, was dry, slightly burnt around its edges, and tasted more of mild cocoa than rich fudge. Coffee (15p) served *with milk* was tasteless and lukewarm. I asked for a fresh hot cup, which arrived the same temperature as the first. The bill, vat inclusive, came to £1.56.

Tomorrow: The Hard Rock Café

Aesthetic

One might be forgiven for thinking that the package holiday industry could do with a facelift after its recent tribulations. The facelift, however, is what one travel company is offering you as one ingredient of its

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R BENN'S ASSURANCES

s more than likely that teresting questions of oncern in the Court Line ill become submerged in san brawl between Mr d Mr Shore on the one l their political opponents other. The point now at tre of the dispute is on June 26 and subse- Mr Benn made state- which led others to e trading with Court Line ies; whether he was in ion to make such state- and whether this now Mr Benn and the Gov- t in some legal or moral on. The position is analogous to that in unsecured creditors of yce considered that they n misled by the previous nent's statements in the before the final collapse. utline of the chronology lp to keep the issues in tive. During the spring rly *summer* discussions n progress between the y and Whitehall because clearly parlous financial m. The Court Line group ged in several areas of where the return on *employed is insufficient.* oup it was extremely short . For example, it was *to find the £3m from its* sources which was the n put by the Conservative ment on a *loan* of £9m d in November, 1973, for dernization of Court Ship- s. During the first half of ar, the already extended was, like many other ies, hit by rising interest d higher oil prices.

the proposal in June that vernment should acquire ire shipbuilding and ship- g *interest of the group* h was not in the event ing that was forced by Mr r *political reasons.* It was, eluctantly, agreed by the y as the only way of raising the cash needed to see it through the rest of the year. Mr Thorpe expressed a general reaction on June 26 *when he said in* the House that ". . . some of us feel that the Government have no alternative but to act in the way they have done". The basic terms of this arrangement were announced on July 1, when an independent auditor was called in to report on the company's position.

In these fast-moving commercial *situations, all parties* obviously have to act and speak with care. As the Chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority *says in the* letter, which we publish today, in answer to implied criticism that the CAA did not suspend operating licences when it knew Court Line was in trouble, such an action would have destroyed the combined efforts to save holidays and jobs. So, it might be argued, would equivocal statements from Mr Benn or the company about the effectiveness of the arrangements announced on June 26 and July 1. Thus, while the outcome of the independent auditor's report was awaited Mr Benn said on June 26 that the *arrangements* "*should stabilize* the situation in respect of Court Line's interests, including the *holidays booked for this summer*" and a spokesman for the company said on July 1 that "the terms of the agreement put Court's aviation and leisure divisions in a positive and on-going position, *with the interest of* holidaymakers secure".

As is common in such situations, most of the parties directly involved underestimated the difficulties. The reports of the independent auditor presumably indicated that the company was *in a worse position than its management* realized. Subsequent attempts to mount a further *rescue operation failed.*

The directors of Court Line have made a specific point of saying subsequently that in the negotiations it was expressly stated that the group could not *give the Government assurances* that the money from the shipbuilding and shiprepairing sales would see it through the rest of the year. Against that they understandably wished to stress in public their hopes that it would. They would not have thanked Mr Benn at the time if he had himself stressed their inability to give such positive assurances.

In this *sad story there have* clearly been errors of commercial and tactical judgment on the part both of the *company* and of Whitehall. It seems unlikely, to put it no higher, that *the Government has said or done* anything which has created for itself a liability under the Com*panies Acts for the debts of Court* Line; and its "moral obligation" to reimburse intending holiday*makers who may lose their* money is far from self-evident.

The issues of interest for the future would seem rather to centre on the relationship between Whitehall and a private *company in financial difficulty,* asking for Government assistance. It is an area in which practical and legal precedent is being set in an ad hoc way. It is an area in which, in the present unhappy state of business confidence, Court Line is unlikely to be the last case. Since it involves the actions of the executive it would seem to be an obvious case for investigation by a Select Committee of the House of Commons. It may be objected that, with Parliament in recess, and probably about to be dissolved, more urgent action *is required. Parliament is however* the proper watchdog of the executive in such matters. *Important issues of public policy* are raised by this affair. It would, therefore, seem better to have the *right inquiry in due* course, rather than the wrong inquiry at once.

ANGER OF THE GREEKS

illing of the American ador in Nicosia yesterday htly condemned by politi- ders everywhere—includ- Clerides, Mr Karamanlis rchbishop Makarios—as rocious crime". Pitiful, s been the killing of so other innocent people in *during the past month and* lly the past week. In their t *mood* the Greeks and *Cypriots hold the United* Government at least partly sible for all this blood- and privately many of vill not be too sorry to see presentative of the United Government added to the

k anger *and bitterness* at oment are so strong that uch act of blind violence ell have been inevitable. hope at least that it will a cathartic function, and e *Greek Cypriots will* now down and look for a l way out of their tragic ment. Mr Clerides yester- et them an admirable e. The three conditions set for the resumption otiations seem eminently ible, and it must have ourage as well as coolness to praise the commander kish forces in Famagusta condemning Turkish es elsewhere) and to *Greek Cypriot irregulars* acking a Turkish Cypriot and killing Turkish ns of the Cypriot re-

the less *it would be* the of foolishness for the out- wers with responsibilities region to expect moderate tional counsels to prevail the Greek Cypriots unless emselves *do something* to What has happened to the Cypriots in the past week is all too like what happened to the Palestinians in 1948. As our special correspondent in Cyprus reported yesterday, between a third and a half of them "have been uprooted from their homes in the path of the occupiers and put to flight", while the Turks "have grabbed as much as four *fifths of the island's wealth*"

The Turks moreover are apparently disposed to "create facts" in the area they have seized, prejudging the result of any negotiations in the best manner of General Dayan. According to their deputy prime minister, Mr Erbakan, *they* are going to improve the port of Famagusta, build an airport at *Kyrenia, create* free trade zones, organise the direct export of Turkish Cypriot agricultural produce, develop tourism, and construct an oil refinery "possibly with Libyan help". (One hopes that the Libyans, with their strong attachment to the cause of Palestine, will see the irony of this.)

How is the world going to react *to this situation? If, as in the* case of Palestine, there is nothing more than a succession of pious United Nations *resolutions which* Turkey is allowed to ignore, it will not be surprising if the Greek Cypriots adopt "Palestinian" tactics. Cyprus could infect the Hellenic world with chronic instability and *violence* just as Palestine *has* the Arab world; and though dependence on the Aegean may never be as great as it is on the Persian Gulf, we could *none* the less *find that* great damage had been done to Western interests in particular and to international order in general. Cyprus might even mark the beginning of the end for the United Nations just as Abyssinia did for the League.

That price would be too high a one for the West to pay for Turkish friendship, whatever its strategic importance (and after all, in the last resort defending Turkey against Soviet attack or penetration must be a Turkish interest even more than a Western one). Mr James Schlesinger appears to have understood *that. He rightly said on Sunday* that Turkey had "gone beyond what any of its friends or sympa*thisers would have anticipated* and are prepared, I think, to accept", and strongly hinted that this could affect American arms supplies to Turkey.

It is a pity that no such hint was dropped a week earlier. Dr Kissinger, understandably preoccupied with domestic affairs, has had the misfortune to be out of step at every stage of this *crisis. Mr Callaghan has shown* a better understanding of events, but has not been strong enough to influence *them on his own.* Given strong American support he might, as Mr Gunes suggested in *Geneva* last week, have been able to agree on a "plan of joint action" with the Turks which "need not have been military" to reverse the coup of July 15 and so forestall the original Turkish intervention. Given strong American support he might also have been *able to deter* the Turks from renewing their military push last week.

Unquestionably the need now is for concerted international pressure on Turkey to *ensure that there are no more ceasefire* violations, that Greek Cypriot refugees are allowed to return swiftly to their homes, and that negotiations can begin soon in good faith for a settlement including the withdrawal from Cyprus of all Turkish troops. For such pressure to succeed, strong American support will be essential.

ER TWO HUNDRED

lay's further fall on the arket sent the *Financial* 30-share index down to the first time since 1958 has been below 200. The prices that it measures ow fallen by an unprece- 63 per cent from the peak attained half-way through What is even more g, two fifths of that has occurred during 1974 Investors do not need ling that the true erosion value of *their holdings* has ven greater, with inflation han wiping out the bene- dividend income. must obviously hope that rket is no longer the faith- rometer of the economy espite its many imperfec- t has often proved in the past. For if it is, its present behaviour can only signal a more severe recession than was experienced in the 1930s. *Fortunately,* there are grounds for believing that the corporate sector remains a good deal *healthier than its stock market* valuation—or indeed some of its own spokesmen—would lead one to suppose. *Much of the fall* in share prices reflects the necessary adjustment from a period of excessively optimistic expectations to one of high interest rates and a natural shift towards liquidity on the part of the investing community. These factors have been *exacerbated,* however, by the deteriorating outlook for corporate profits, the full impact of the oil crisis and—above all—the realization that in *today's economic circumstances* shareholdings no longer provide a defence against inflation.

The most serious aspect of the present situation is the real or imagined damage it could do to the insurance companies, banks, pension funds and other institutions which rely, directly or indirectly, on a healthy securities market for their own financial *viability. At the moment, there* are no valid reasons for doubting the ability of the major financial *institutions to cope with this* decline in the value of their assets. But their task is not being made any easier by the rumourmongering that has been so prevalent on the Stock Exchange floor recently. The stock market *must realize that at least part of* its salvation now lies in its own hands.

age drunkenness

frs George Butcher

the mother of three teenage view with disquiet the re- the increase in drunkenness young people. I am puzzled, r, that among the contribu- ses a seemingly obvious one r mentioned. I am thinking glorification of alcohol to he public is *nightly subjected* television advertising. To be glamorous and socially and sexually irresistible it is essential to drink *such* and such.

To the jaundiced eyes of middle age such an appeal seems crudely *blatant. Unfortunately I can see* that the crudity is less obvious to my own teenagers, and though they may *laugh they are still to some extent* impressed. After all it is of paramount importance to the vulnerable *adolescent that he should* be popular and "one of the gang".

Surely if the television advertising of cigarettes was considered sufficiently harmful to be banned, an equally strong case should be made for the banning of alcohol advertisements?

Yours faithfully,
SHEILA BUTCHER,
47 Lower Road,
Stoke Mandeville,
Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire.
August 15.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Government and the collapse of Court Line

From the Chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority

Sir, Mr Peter Martin is a distinguished aviation lawyer, and his letter in your issue of today (August 19) is entitled to a reply both because of this and of the clear terms of Paragraph 24 of the Civil Aviation Policy Guidance (Cmnd 4899) (he erroneously refers to it as para 26), and indeed of S.23 (3) *(b) of the Civil Aviation Act 1971* to which he does not refer but which is relevant to Court Line Aviation's *Air Transport Licence.*

He makes the point, which your correspondent Mr Maurice Corina *also makes on p 2 of today's issue,* that the Civil Aviation Authority did not invoke its powers to suspend or withdraw licences during the summer months while Court Line was in difficulties.

The Authority of course gave careful and continuous attention to the question as to whether it should bring the Court Line crisis to a head and Court Line and its related travel organizers to a halt by taking this action. It did not do so for two reasons.

(1) The Act requires that not only the "resources" of the licence holder but "the financial arrangements *made by him*" have to be taken into account before a decision *to revoke is made. It is now well* known that throughout the summer Court Line were in touch with the Departments of Industry and Trade with a view to seeing if financial arrangements could be made which would enable the aviation and holiday activities to be carried on at least until the summer holiday period had been survived. While there was any real prospect that in one way or another arrangements could be made to save hundreds of thousands of holidays the Authority would have acted irresponsibly if it had acted so as to destroy these *prospects,* and to bring about the collapse of the companies at a time when the holiday season was already *in full swing.*

(2) What practical purpose would have been served? The action which Mr Martin and, less emphatically, Mr Corina think we should have taken would have at a stroke destroyed the efforts which the Government, bankers, and the Authority itself were making to save these holidays, and three thousand jobs. It would have seemed to all those who were trying to save these holidays and jobs like an act of sabotage. And of course the imposition of a ban on further trading would by killing confidence have had a like effect. And if we had so acted in, say, June even more people would have lost holidays for which they had paid.

The Authority is always prepared to use its powers to the full when it is right so to do. Your front page today contains a report of an example of this.

But its duty, and its determination, is to help both the public and the industry. The bonding system which is a *condition of the CAA's* licences is at this very moment bringing home those holiday makers *who would otherwise have been* stranded abroad and the bonds may at the end of the day provide some compensation for those who did not get their holidays at all. At a time of great difficulty for aviation and travel it is our duty to help and not hinder those who are seeking to enable these industries to serve the public. To have killed Court Line *while there was a reasonable* chance of saving it would have served no public purpose.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
BOYD-CARPENTER, Chairman,
Civil Aviation Authority,
Aviation House,
129 Kingsway, WC2.
August 19.

From Mr Stevenson Pugh

Sir, Your leader on Saturday hit the *nail on the head by suggesting that* the Court Line disaster has strained the credibility of Ministers' preten*sions to constructive intervention in* industrial or commercial affairs.

By chance I was closely involved in the last hours of Court Line and in the organization of the rescue operation which followed. The experience has demonstrated Ministers' commercial incompetence certainly but perhaps more significantly (since nobody has suggested that Messrs Peter Shore and Tony Benn are on top in any profession than politics), how tainted and compromised a Minister may become if he steps outside the political arena and dabbles in the harsh world of commerce. The extent to which Mr Benn is compromised by having bolstered public confidence in an ailing company is already a political issue.

What of Mr Shore? First there were his performances on television and at a press conference after the *Court Line failure had been* announced. That a Minister should bluster and bluff a little to get him*self off the hook is predictable,* but that he should speak in manifest ignorance of the facts and spread despondancy is another matter.

I am a director of the TOSG (Tour Operators' Study Group) Trust Fund which called in the Horizon and Clarksons bond and which is now administering the disposal of £3,326,000 in the interest of clients of those companies. Even while we were meeting to decide best how to do our job—to organise the rescue and *to do it sufficiently economic*ally to have money over for refunds—we had the astonishing experience *of switching on TV and seeing Mr* Shore suggest that he was organizing a rescue and also expressing the alarming fear that people who had paid and not travelled probably would not get their money back. No doubt Mr Shore then went home to bed. We stayed up all night to do the job. Needless to say, it was Mr Shore who got the misleading and demoralizing headlines next morning.

At a press conference last Friday, Mr Shore muttered threats about ensuring that travel firms were sufficiently bonded in future. He must *have known that he was presiding* over a failure in the case of Court Line which was nobody's responsibility but his own. The fact is that while the Horizon bond may well be sufficient to repatriate and reimburse all clients the Clarksons bond may only repatriate and partially reimburse. This is because the Government required a strengthened Horizon bond during that company's troubles last January but (with Mr Shore in charge) neglected to do so *when Clarksons went sour in June.* Worse still, I understand it is likely that due to an administrative error *committed under the aegis of* Mr Shore there may be no bond in existence for Airfair, the Court charter subsidiary *which* has clients stranded in America and others who have advanced money for travel.

The question now is: are the surviving travel firms (many of whom are, by definition, very strong) to suffer financial pressures from Whitehall to cover up the past failures of Mr Shore?

Perhaps the most serious question of last week is whether Mr Shore was informed immediately he returned to his desk on Tuesday that Court Line was insolvent, and if so, how he could justify any delay in an announcement even if only for 48 hours. *It may be justified* (marginally) for directors, bankers, suppliers and other creditors to *struggle for a limited period to sus*tain a sinking company in the hope of a constructive outcome; but it surely must be given a different name for an elected holder of public office under the Crown.

What, I wonder, are the thoughts of any constituents of Mr Shore who may have advanced money to Court Line during the period of the insolvency of that company?

Yours etc,
STEVENSON PUGH,
Pitt Cottage,
Cadeleigh,
Devon.
August 18.

From Mr R. S. Byerley

Sir, The people engaged in all branches of the travel industry have an innate resilience to catastrophe and disaster. Strikes, epidemics, wars and revolutions are accepted as occupational hazards and holi*days are re-arranged instantly with* minimum discomfort and disappointment to the public.

I *have* worked in the retail side of the industry for 18 years and any respectable travel agent is acutely conscious of *his responsibility* when the annual family holiday is entrusted to him, and the subsequent heartache should something go seriously wrong. He is, therefore, careful to vet tour operators and avoid those companies who consistently give cause for complaint, or whose financial position is *suspect.*

Consequently, when Court Line encountered liquidity problems in *June, I instructed our shops to* withdraw their brochures. They were subsequently re-instated when the Government announced it was injecting £16 million into the shipbuilding section and Mr Benn quite clearly stated that this would enable the company to fulfil its summer holiday programme. He emphasized that apart from saving *9,000 jobs he was also protecting* thousands of holidays, as if seeking to justify his actions.

The travel industry and the public were still wary but the assurances were accepted, since it was reasonable to assume the Government had conducted a thorough investigation into Court Line's financial situation and was *satisfied the problems had been* resolved.

Two months later in the peak holiday season and without prior warning the company goes into liquidation overnight. Bookings are made and money accepted right up to the time of the announcement, when the company must have known these holidays would never be taken *or the money refunded.*

Travel agents throughout the country are outraged because they feel they have been used to perpetrate this diabolical confidence trick, and they want adequate compensation for their clients.

Yours sincerely,
R. S. BYERLEY, Director,
Hogg Robinson (Travel) Ltd,
Craven House,
119-123 Kingsway, WC2.
August 19.

From Colonel R. J. Longfield

Sir, Whilst not unsympathetic to the plight of Court Line holidaymakers who have lost their holidays and/or their money, the suggestion that the Government (ie, the taxpayer) should reimburse them leaves one speechless.

Yesterday (August 17) I was talking to a dairy farmer who told me that week by week he is losing money and that unless something soon happens to help him he will be bankrupt by this time next year. This applies to all livestock farmers generally who see their way of life threatened and their means of livelihood disappearing before their eyes. These people are not holidaymakers they are the hardworking producers of the bare essentials of life—what about a helping hand for them?

My friend said yesterday, "All we are told is that we are to give our *employees large threshold agreement* rises in pay. I have no threshold rise only an ever increasing overdraft at the bank."

Once the Government starts to hand out money to all and sundry there is no end to the mess we can get into, but let us at least try to get some sense to our priorities and not be carried away on an emotional wave of sympathy for luckless holidaymakers.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. LONGFIELD,
Lower Silton,
Gillingham,
Dorset.
August 18.

From Mr H. Sabath

Sir, I refer to the collapse of the Court Line. I am one of the no doubt many who have paid for their holidays after the Government had acquired the shipbuilding interests of Court Line and led us to believe that the leisure division of Court Line will now be sound.

I read in today's *(August 16)* press that the Court Line asserts that at the time "it was expressly *stated that the group could not give* the Government any assurances that the aviation and leisure divisions could in fact complete their 1974 summer programmes".

If the Government had made this public, I (with many others) would have not effected payment to Horizon and I feel that a responsibility lies on the Government for its omission to warn the public at large.

Yours truly,
H. SABATH,
41 Meadway,
Golders Green, NW11.
August 16.

Turkey's influence in Cyprus

From Major-General R. L. T. Burges

Sir, *Sir Alec Bishop was held in great* respect by everyone who was in Cyprus when he was High Commissioner and one certainly cannot disagree with what he says in his letter of August 16 concerning the treatment of the Turkish Cypriot minority. However, he might perhaps have mentioned that the Turkish Cypriots could have secured *far better arrangements for them*selves if it had not been for the stubborn obstinacy of their masters in Ankara.

In 1963 Archbishop Makarios produced some proposals to amend the unworkable constitution of 1960. These proposals had reputedly been drafted with the help, unofficially, of the British High Commission, under Sir Alec's predecessor. They provided a very reasonable basis for negotiation, but were rejected by Ankara *practically before anyone* had had time to read them, let alone discuss them.

Then, as now, the Turks showed that they do not negotiated. They just dictate.

Yours faithfully,
R. L. T. BURGES,
Formerly GOC Cyprus District.
Freemantle,
Over Wallop, Hampshire.
August 19.

From Mr John Stuart

Sir, Sir Alec Bishop (August 16), while not wishing to justify Turkish military operations in Cyprus wishes us to recall the long years of persecution the Turkish Cypriots have undergone at the hands of the Greek Cypriots.

This impression is widespread, but the truth is more complex. In fact it was the Turkish Cypriot community that took the first steps in breaking collaboration between the two communities under the 1960 constitution which though creating a unitary state, was drafted strongly in their favour. In 1961 the Turkish Cypriot Vice-President vetoed the creation of a Cyprus army under the constitution with the demand that the Greek and Turkish Cypriot units be separate. The Turks in the House of Representatives used the constitutional provision requiring separate communal majorities for tax proposals *to throw out the ordinary tax bill.*

Under these circumstances it is scarcely surprising that the Greek *Cypriots became unwilling* to implement equally constitutional provisions regarding local municipalities, that relations between the two communities rapidly deteriorated, or that, in November 1963, Archbishop Makarios put forward proposals for constitutional changes. These were moderate enough to attract the support of Sir Arthur Clarke, the then British High Commissioner and even Dr Kutchuk did not at once reject them. It was Ankara which did so—and *shortly* thereafter the communal troubles broke out.

That even moderate Turks accept some of the blame for the breakdown of a constitution is borne out by a letter to the Istanbul daily *Milliyet* (May 13, 1964) by former Turkish Ambassador to Cyprus, Mr Dirvana. He accused Mr Denktash of having been uninterested in the economic, social and cultural development of the Turkish community despite the existence of ample funds and the independence of the Turkish chamber. "For months I tried in vain to persuade Mr Denktash to concentrate on this area. . . But Mr Denktash did not care about such things. He was only interested in quarrelling with the Greek Cypriots, often purposelessly."

Yours sincerely,
JOHN STUART,
26 Kensington Park Gardens, W11.

Drumbuie and after

From Mr W S. G. Macmillan

Sir, It seems that Loch Carron has at last escaped the frying pan of an industrial site at Drumbuie, only to risk falling into the fire of another at Kishorn.

Loch Kishorn *is a delightful and* unspoilt backwater off Outer Loch Carron, with seaward views across *to the* Red Hills of Skye. *Its situa*tion is more magnificent than that of Drumbuie, lying as it does at the foot of the spectacular eastern precipices of the Applecross mountains, here almost 3,000 ft. It is also more remote, with land communications much less good than *Drum*buie.

Remarkably little seems to have been heard of this proposal, *at least* in England, in comparison with the outcry raised over Drumbuie. The *Scottish Secretary proposes to hold* no further public enquiry; let us hope that the wild beauty of Loch Carron may not after all be lost by default, for lack of voices raised in protest.

Yours faithfully,
W. S. G. MACMILLAN,
Knapton Old Hall,
North Walsham,
Norfolk.

Cricket and farming

From Mr S. T. Charles

Sir, We are all indebted to Sir Harold Evans for his reminder (August 15) that cricket is "a game designed to be played in the open air".

I remark, as the scion of Welsh Hill farmers, that the same point is no less true, the world over, of the graver game of agriculture—a point more often than not overlooked by present day society.

Yours faithfully,
S. T. CHARLES,
2 Gerard Road,
Harrow, Middlesex.

Nationalization of shipbuilding

From Sir David Brown

Sir, The determination of Vosper Thornycroft Ltd to resist Mr Wedgwood Benn's nationalization proposals has already received some notice in your columns. The recently pub*lished White Paper, The Regeneration of British Industry,* seems to imply that the nationalization of the shipbuilding industry is a foregone conclusion. May I, very briefly, state some of the reasons why we feel so strongly about the issues involved and why we consider state control of naval shipbuilding would be against the best interest of our company and the country.

Exports are Vosper Thornycroft's life blood; without them our volume of production must be drastically reduced, with damaging results on the level of employment in our ship*yards and indeed on Britain's over*seas earnings. Export orders for naval craft have to be won in the face of intense international competition. Such an environment is totally alien to nationalized industry whose natural element is a captive market.

Warship design and construction, in which this company specializes, *is an immensely complex activity,* and quite a different business from merchant shipbuilding. Vosper *Thornycroft is one of three warship* building companies recognized by the Ministry of Defence, but the *Ministry requires only 60 per cent* of their combined output for the Royal Navy. This leaves 40 per cent of the total warship building capacity of the country looking for export work. Because the other warship builders are in development areas they could be expected to receive the lion's *share* of Ministry work. Vosper Thornycroft must *therefore obtain a high proportion* of export work in order to survive.

I believe that we would not be *able to compete so effectively for* export orders if we formed part of a National Shipbuilding Corporation. *There are two principal reasons.*

First, we know that many of our overseas customers prefer to have firm commercial contracts, which are clearly enforceable at law, with private companies rather than to try to operate on a government-to-government basis.

Secondly, it is vital in securing warship contracts abroad to be able to come to quick decisions (by which I mean within a few hours at most) on major technical or financial matters. Our experience in dealing with government departments indicates that such quick decisions could not be forthcoming from a government body controlling the industry. It is also by no means *evident that a temporary political* overlord would make wiser long term decisions than an experienced board of directors.

I believe, therefore, that nationalization would bring for Vosper Thornycroft a grave risk of declining orders, both home and overseas. It is no exaggeration to foresee this leading to a withering away of what is now the only major shipbuilding organization on the south coast—an organization which our people have worked so hard to build up and in which I take great pride. It is for these reasons that I believe nationali*zation would be particularly damag*ing to us.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BROWN, Chairman
Vosper Thornycroft Ltd.
Paulsgrove,
Portsmouth.
August 17.

Degree courses

From Mrs Anne Scott

Sir, Saturday's letter from a number of industrialists about the degree status of the University College at Buckingham not only defends, but actually commends, the two year degree course.

*I am one of the wartime genera*tion of graduates obliged by call-up regulations to compress an honours degree into two years. *Many of us* would say that only at the very end of the course were we beginning to acquire the capacity to make full use of the academic teaching and material available to us, and younger graduates have told me that the third year at university was infinitely the *most valuable to* them. If the aim of a university course is *the development of mature and independent* minds then quantity and quality of teaching need to be supplemented by time; time to mature and also, to mix metaphors, to pursue red herrings down blind alleys.

It may be that Buckingham's main aim will be the provision of vocational courses; in that case two *years might be long enough, but* the Council for National Academic Awards would be absolutely right to refuse to validate its "degrees" on such a basis.

The signatories to the letter give no reason for their joint protest. As a *shareholder* in the company headed by one of them, I am prompted to wonder if I have been an un*witting contributor to the financial* support of this as yet unproved educational venture.

Yours sincerely,
ANNE SCOTT,
18 Farmer Street, W8.
August 18.

Tolerance

From Mr W. E. Wright

Sir, Mr R. M. A. Lawson (August *14) should note that it was not for* the *majorities* that Mr P. Hain and others (August 10) were demanding toleration.

Yours etc,
W. E. WRIGHT,
9 Nightingale Road,
Rickmansworth,
Hertfordshire.

In the pipeline

From Mr Philip Larkin

Sir, If oil replaces coal in the national economy, will not the National Union of Mineworkers be replaced by the National Union of *Oilworkers*?

I see no reasons for optimism.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP LARKIN,
105 Newland Park,
Hull.
August 14.

SOCIAL NEWS

The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips will attend the premiere of the film *Murder on the Orient Express* at the ABC Cinema, Shaftesbury Avenue, on November 21, in aid of the Variety Club of Great Britain, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the Society of Film and Television Arts.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall on November 9.

The Prince of Wales will accept an honorary degree of doctor of law, conferred upon him by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Chancellor of the University of London, at the Senate House, on November 8.

Princess Anne will attend the International Sheep Dog Trials at Fortalloch, Scotland, on Friday, September 20.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester will attend the annual open meeting of the Queen's Nursing Institute, at the Friends Meeting House, Euston Road, on November 27.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent will visit The Queen's Flight at RAF Benson, Oxfordshire, on Tuesday, October 15.

The Duchess of Kent, patron of the Spastics Society, will attend a ball given by the Variety Club and the Stars Organization for Spastics, at the Queen's Hotel, Leeds, on October 5.

The Duchess of Marlborough gave birth to a son on August 19 in Oxford.

Birthdays today

Sir Maurice Adams, 73; Mr Reginald Bevins, 66; Lieutenant-General Sir John Cowley, 69; Sir Godfrey Driver, 82; Mr Anatole Fistoulari, 67; General Sir Nigel Poett, 67.

Church news

Latest appointments:

Diocese of Gibraltar

The Rev F. T. Baker to be chaplain at the Church of the Resurrection, Bucharest, with Sofia and Belgrade.

The Rev D. H. Palmer to be chaplain at St Nicholas, Ankara.

Jurisdiction of N and central Europe

The Rev J. P. Adams to be chaplain at St Luke's, Devon.

The Rev D. M. Nye to be assistant chaplain at Holy Trinity, Brussels.

The Rev B. V. Taylor to be assistant chaplain at St Mary's, Rotterdam.

The Rev M. J. Pitts to be chaplain at Dunkirk.

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, August 19, 1949.

Flitch trial again

From Our Special Correspondent

A flitch of bacon was the reward in earlier years for the husband who was prepared to swear before the prior, convent, and townsfolk of Little Dunmow that he had not repented of marriage or quarrelled with his wife for a year and a day.

Part of a prize pig from New Zealand is to be set aside for award at the Dunmow Flitch trial, which will take place in the autumn after an interval of several years. The presentation of the usual reward has been prevented by rationing restrictions since the beginning of the war, and is again made possible by a provision through the Commonwealth Gift Scheme.

The custom will thus survive another interruption of its history. . . . The trial was first concerned with claims by men. Awards to married couples were not recorded until the eighteenth century.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. A. Eliott Lockhart and Miss N. J. Normand

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Sir Allan and Lady Eliott Lockhart, of Cleghorn, Lanark, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. J. Normand, of 102 Murrayfield Gardens, Edinburgh.

Mr R. J. Hunt and Miss A. M. Stamp

The engagement is announced between Richard Joseph, younger son of Mr and Mrs Reginald C. Hunt, of 161 Brampton Road, Carlisle, and Alison Mary, younger daughter of the Hon Maxwell and Mrs Stamp, of Ebbs House, Combs, Stowmarket, Suffolk.

Dr J. P. Beacon and Miss M. E. C. Evans

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs J. N. Beacon, of Kiln House, Farley Hill, Berkshire, and Margaret Eulalie Carlyon, elder daughter of Mr L. J. C. Evans, OBE, and Mrs Evans, of The Old Post Cottage, Motcombe, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

Mr J. R. Burden and Miss J. V. Watford

The engagement is announced between John R. Burden, of Blackheath, London, SE3, and Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs V. B. D. Watford, of Hornchurch, Essex.

Mr J. C. Dimdale and Miss R. E. Hannam

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Camplin, son of the late Mr J. R. Dimsdale and Mrs P. R. Piercy and stepson of Mr M. H. Piercy, of Manyons, Barkway, Hertfordshire, and Rachel Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. M. Hannam, of Orchard Cottage, Bishop Monkton,

Mr A. J. H. Finlay and Miss C. M. G. Gardner

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mrs D. A. Finlay and the late Mr R. H. Finlay, of Umtali, Rhodesia, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Soanes Gardner, of Coggeshall, Essex, and granddaughter of the late Dr Eric Gardner, of Weybridge.

Mr M. J. Hyde and Miss D. M. O'Brien

The engagement is announced between Michael John, son of Mr and Mrs S. Hyde, of Stanmore, Middlesex, and Deirdre Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. O'Brien, of Northwood, Middlesex.

Mr G. Phipson and Miss J. Parker

The marriage of Mr George Phipson and Miss Jean Parker will take place on Monday, August 26, at the church of St Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley, Barnet, at 2.30 pm

Mr I. D. Tait and Miss R. A. Elliott

The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs J. D. Tait, of Tynedale Drive, Blyth, Northumberland, and Ruthie, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. H. Elliott, of Pymers Mead, Dulwich, London.

Mr R. H. White and Miss C. J. Ovens

The engagement is announced between Rupert Haydon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Simon White, The Old Vicarage, Nether Wallop, Stockbridge, Hampshire, and Charlotte Jean, daughter of Mr and Mrs Meyrick Ovens, Gains House, Green Hammerton, Yorkshire.

Today's engagements

British Library exhibition of modern library manuscripts, British Museum, 10 am-5 pm.

Exhibition: Colditz, escape equipment; forged identity cards, maps, handmade keys; Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, 10 am-6 pm.

Exhibition: Shopping in Britain, Design Centre, 28 Haymarket, 9.30 am-5.30 pm.

Lecture: Pollution, Lecture Hall, British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, 3 pm.

University news

Oxford

ORIEL COLLEGE: To a lectureship in philosophy: R. J. Delahunty, BA, B Phil.

London

Appointments to Chairs: Professor P. K. Bondy, C. N. H. Long professor of medicine at Yale, appointed to the cancer research campaign chair of medicine, Institute of Cancer Research. Dr S. R. Hirsch, senior lecturer and honorary consultant at Westminster and Queen Mary's hospitals, chair of phychiatry, Charing Cross Hospital medical school. Dr D. Yudilevich, honorary research fellow, department of physiology at University College, chair of physiology, Queen Elizabeth College.

Appointments to Readerships: Dr J. Barber, lecturer, botany department, Imperial College, readership in plant physiology. Dr J. F. Levy, senior lecturer in timber technology, Imperial College, readership in wood science. Dr I. Thornton, research fellow, applied geochemistry research group, department of geology at Imperial College, readership in environmental geochemistry.

Conferment of titles: The title of professor of physiology conferred on Dr W. H. H. Andrews, in respect of his post at the Royal Free Hospital school of medicine. Professor of biochemistry as applied to Medicine, Dr Barbara H. Billing, Royal Free school of medicine. Professor of materials, Dr W. Bonfield, Queen Mary College. Professor of haematology, Dr R. G. Huntsman, St Thomas's Hospital medical school. Professor of dermatological pathology, Dr E. Wilson Jones, Institute of Dermatology.

Professor, Law of Property, Dr A. R. Mellows, King's College. Professor of biomedical engineering, Dr J. T. Scales, Institute of Orthopaedics. Professor, History of Art, Dr J. K. G. Shearman, Courtauld Institute of Art. Professor of Rumanian Studies, Mr E. D. Tappe, School of Slavonic and East European Studies. Professor of Neurology, Dr P. K. Thomas, Royal Free Hospital school of medicine. Professor of Metabolic Chemical Pathology, Dr M. R. Wills, Royal Free Hospital school of medicine.

Reader in Community Medicine, Dr J. A. D. Anderson, Guy's Hospital medical school. Reader in Pharmacology, Dr A. Bennett, King's College Hospital medical school. Reader in Biochemical Pharmacology, Dr D. S. Davies, Royal Postgraduate medical school. Reader in Economic History, Dr Charlotte J. Erickson, London School of Economics. Reader in Molecular Biology, Dr E. W. Johns, Institute of Cancer Research. Reader in French, Dr Annette C. M. Lavers, University College. Reader in Acoustics, Dr H. G. Leventhall, Chelsea College. Reader in Insect Physiology, Dr C. T. Lewis, Imperial College. Reader in Chemical Pathology, Dr A. L. Miller, Middlesex Hospital medical school. Reader in Applied Mathematics, Dr K. M. J. Moriarty, Royal Holloway College. Reader in Experimental Physics, Dr E. G. Wilson, Queen Mary College. Reader in English Literature, Dr Katherine J. Worth, Royal Holloway College.

Liverpool

RETIREMENTS: The title of emeritus professor has been conferred upon Professor H. W. Fairman, Brunner professor of Egyptology; Professor J. D. Hay, professor of child health; Professor Kenneth Muir, King Alfred professor of English literature; Professor A. G. Walker, FRS, professor of pure mathematics; and Professor A. Wilson, CBE, professor of pharmacology. The retirement of Mr E. W. Boon after 48 years' service is also announced.

Birmingham

Among research grants, contracts, and extensions to the value of £541,753 accepted by the university during July were:

£36,415, from Medical Research Council for investigation making use of allotypic (and other) allelic markers in rabbits and other species. (Professor P. G. H. Gell, experimental pathology).

£20,242, from National Fund for Childbirth Research, for Foetal monitoring: on-line data processing by computer in clinical management of labour. (Professor H. C. McLaren, obstetrics and gynaecology).

£27,000, from Home Office, for research into acquittals in contested trials. (Professor G. J. Borrie, law).

Science block to replace Open University huts

By Our Education Correspondent

The Open University has received approval for a new science and technology block which will cost £1.2m for the first phase of its building.

The project, frozen by government cutbacks in university spending, was part of the original design for the campus at Milton Keynes. Detailed plans were ready by 1973.

The Department of Education and Science has allowed the university to go out to tender for the first phase, which it is hoped to start next April. The second phase is scheduled for the end of the decade.

About 150 members of the science and technology faculties have been based in huts on the campus since the university started in 1969.

Queen's Gallery

The George III exhibition at the Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, will be open on Bank Holiday Monday, August 26, from 11 am to 5 pm and thereafter as usual (Tuesday-Saturday, 11-5, Sunday, 2-5).

St Giles's Church, Ickenham, seen from the village pump. Residents are fighting Hillingdon council's plan for three-storey flats near by.

Battle for village life among the red bricks

By John Young
Planning Reporter

The old village centre of Ickenham, a mile or so north of the A40 on the western fringe of London, is not the sort of place tourists deliberately seek out. Loud with traffic and hemmed in by shops, bungalows and the featureless red brick architecture of the 1930s, it might not even be noticed by the average traveller.

Perhaps it is for that reason that it is cherished by many local residents. With its medieval church, pond, pump, public house and attractive cottages, it is a link with the past, when there was a real county called Middlesex and suburbia did not stretch almost unbroken for a dozen miles to Shepherd's Bush.

A short distance to the north-east, Harrow perches primly, even a little arrogantly, on top of its hill. Even without the famous school, its narrow winding high street, rich with architectural delights, would guarantee its historic importance. Unlike Ickenham, it has contrived to keep the spreading metropolis at bay.

The link between the humble village "green" and the haughty high street is that both are conservation areas, and each in its own way illustrates some of the difficulties involved in preserving the past.

Conservation areas are a product of the 1967 Civic Amenities Act, which empowered local authorities to designate "areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance". Those powers were strengthened by the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Act, 1972, which allows local authorities to extend to unlisted buildings within conservation areas the same controls that already applied to listed buildings.

The weakness of the Act, as seen by Ickenham Residents' Association, is that control is left to local authorities. The association is vigorously fighting a plan by Hillingdon Borough Council to build 33 flatlets and a hostel for old people within the conservation area.

Last month an inquiry was held into the council's proposed compulsory purchase of two former coach-houses, which occupy part of the site of the projected hostel. The outcome is awaited. The council has bought a neighbouring house, The Buntings, from a private developer to whom it had granted outline redevelopment planning permission.

The council says the existing buildings would be retained in any redevelopment, and that the new buildings would not be visible from the road.

The residents' association insists that three-storey flats would be "totally inappropriate in the context". They would also cause the loss of valuable woodlands adjoining the church and, with the hostel, would cause "irreparable damage" to the village centre.

According to Mr D. F. Edwards, the association's assistant secretary, Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, has said he cannot call a public inquiry over a "parish pump" matter. Mr Edwards feels that if the council wins its case all conservation areas in the country would be exposed to development. In a booklet, the association refers rather enviously to the "positive and creative approach" of Harrow council to conservation.

Many Harrow residents, however, take a less sanguine view. A long-standing battle has been waged between conservationists and traders in the High Street who fear that traffic restrictions and a ban on development would turn the area into a "museum piece".

The council has tried to steer a rather uneasy middle course, with a scheme that discourages traffic from crossing the Hill without banning it. It maintains that although the school, the High Street and its approaches have been designated by the Greater London Council as of special historic importance, the pressure for redevelopment is strong.

Mr John Stanaway, who owns Harrow Tuck Shop and was largely responsible for the formation of Harrow Hill Chamber of Commerce, is unhappy at the way things are going. Although he is also a founder member of the trust, he maintains that preservationists tend to ignore the needs of a balanced community, particularly the elderly and the very young.

The trouble with all conservation areas—there are hundreds scattered across the country—is, first, that not everyone agrees what should be conserved and how; secondly, that success or failure depends heavily on the attitudes of local councillors.

A few days ago the central London borough of Kensington and Chelsea declared it intended to make virtually the entire borough a conservation area. Its main motive is apparently to gain greater control over development.

Admirable though the idea may seem the real purpose of conservation areas is to protect small groups of buildings which form an architectural or historic entity. To extend the idea to the whole of one of London's largest and most socially diverse boroughs may be to invite more trouble.

Mrs Elizabeth Emery, wife of Mr Peter Emery, Conservative MP for Honiton, with their son Clive, who was born on August 9 at Westminster Hospital.

39,409 blind people given sight

The record number of 39,409 blind people had their sight restored last year in medical projects sponsored by the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind in 14 Commonwealth countries, the society said in its annual report published today.

A further 14,231 people had operations to prevent imminent blindness and the eyes of more than 679,700 people were examined. Of these 505,758 received treatment.

The report said its achievements were the highest in the society's history. They formed the largest international programme of its kind and possibly the most economical.

Three Fairbridge scholarships

The Fairbridge Society announced yesterday the award of scholarships to British Columbia University, Vancouver, and Victoria University, British Columbia.

The three recipients are Miss Barbara Coan, aged 18, a former pupil of Fair Oak comprehensive school, Rugeley, Staffordshire; Mr Richard Bridgman, aged 19, who was at Framlingham College, Suffolk, and Mr Adrian Norfolk, aged 18, who was at Colchester Royal grammar school.

The awards are for a minimum of three years and in memory of Kingsley Fairbridge, the founder of the society, to give young people a university education in Australia or Canada.

France promised divorce by mutual consent

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Aug 19

M Jean Lecanuet, the Minister of Justice, who is now trying to modernize France's cumbersome laws, last night promised legislation to permit divorce by mutual consent. A Bill will be tabled in Parliament probably in October.

Presently the 40,000 couples who get divorced each year in France have to supply the courts with a series of grave charges, such as cruelty or infidelity against their partners, and substantiate them.

The procedure is lengthy, expensive and hypocritical. Even when both partners wish to separate on a friendly basis because their marriage has broken down, obliging friends have to attest their marital infidelity to the magistrates.

"I propose legislation providing for a kind of contract defined by mutual agreement without establishing culpability". M Lecanuet said. It would be up to the judges to establish the veracity of the terms of settlement, covering matters such as alimony.

Mme Francoise Giroud, the Secretary of State for Women's Affairs, also agrees that divorce, as a form of punishment, must disappear in France. But she said that special care must be taken of the position of divorced women with no professional skills.

In some 40 per cent of divorces, husbands get away with paying no alimony, she pointed out. But in cases where professional women had the means, and the husbands were left with the children, alimony payments by the women must be enforced, she insisted.

A Sofres public opinion poll, published in the weekly *Elle* last week, showed that M Lecanuet has public backing for his reform: 56 per cent of those questioned wanted divorce by mutual consent and 77 per cent condemned the present situation, which is often only a legal farce.

Latest wills

Miss Eleanor Lunt, of Colwyn Bay, left £21,617 net (duty paid, £1,740). After legacies of £1,100 she left a third of the residue to the Regional Radio Therapy Centre, Clatterbridge Hospital, Bromborough "in appreciation of the successful treatment for cancer given to me in 1956".

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates):

Crawley, Mr Arnold James, of Watford (no duty shown) £78,235

Day, Mr Arthur, of Frinton-on-Sea (duty paid, £18,228) £70,233

Morgan, Mrs Edith Louise, of Wavertree, Liverpool (duty paid, £55,759) £145,289

Powell, Mr George Henry, of Clacton-on-Sea (duty paid, £6,928) £85,055

Trimming, Mr Alan Roy, of Farnham, Surrey, solicitor (duty paid, £19,031) £82,241

Webster, Professor James Mathewson, of Rubery, near Birmingham, pathologist (duty paid, £51,895) £160,432

Archaeology report

York: Key to American colonial period

In an unusual excavation for Britain, an American team from Rutgers, the state university of New Jersey, has uncovered the layout and much of the facade of an outstanding lost seventeenth-century house in York. The house was built by Philip Saltmarsh in 1693, doubtless as the family town house, and stood in a relatively spacious plot in Aldwark, near the heart of the city. It was of the highest architectural quality, with a massive portico, the demolished remains of which were excavated from the front cellars of the house.

The Rutgers team has worked closely with York Archaeological Trust and the project has provided a pilot archaeological field school aimed at the thorough investigation of a seventeenth-century house site in its urban context, to compare with similar sites in the United States where there is a long tradition of such excavation. Late seventeenth-century town houses have not generally survived the waves of rebuilding to which most American cities have been submitted. Though far more such houses have survived in Britain, the Saltmarsh house succumbed earlier this century, apparently with minimal record. Its site is shortly to be developed by Shepherd Homes Limited as part of Lord Esher's Aldwark Conservation Scheme, and there was thus an opportunity to investigate a forgotten house that would otherwise have been lost.

The building has considerable relevance in the American context. Houses and towns built by Englishmen in the American colonies tended to look like exported examples from the locales and periods in which the various groups of ventures originated. The timbered village appearance of New England reflects the traditions of East Anglia. Williamsburg, Virginia, has the look of a market town, having been influenced largely by plantation and trade venturers. The late seventeenth-century planned brick city of Philadelphia was built primarily by men of previous British colonial experience. The key to understanding much of American colonial period archaeology probably lies in England.

The Saltmarsh house, well preserved below the yards of the former Ebor Brewery, proved to have been of symmetrical plan, and of three bays. There was a central hall to which access was gained by a handsome Tuscan portico, the remains of which were found tumbled into the cellars. The main stairs were at the back of the hall, and there was a servants' stair on the left behind the front rooms. The main rooms had been above present ground level, and nothing remained of them, but the excavations revealed the basement system. There were two full basement rooms on either side of a central area, entered by an outside stair from the front and stone steps under the main stair at the back. In the rear of the house a variety of structural alterations had taken place, many of them probably after a recorded change of ownership at the end of the eighteenth century. There was evidently a separate dining room or kitchen in an adjacent building behind the main house.

There are probably many surprises in store about the substructures of English post-medieval houses. Such structures are usually beyond the reach, and outside the interests, of architectural historians. In the Saltmarsh house various elaborate precautions had been taken against the notoriously wet subsoils of York. There appeared to be a careful seal below the building. Demi-vaults, mortared brick half-arches, had also been thrown up against the basement walls. They were pierced at intervals and they interconnected, doubtless to provide ventilation and damp control.

Many finds were made on the floors, in the drains and in surrounding levels. They will be studied in America and compared with contemporary colonial collections before return to York. Already it is apparent that there was a marked absence in the Saltmarsh household of the innovative Staffordshire ceramics found on certain American sites which provide there a reliable index of English commercial interests.

More striking to the Rutgers team, however, was the similarity between the York site and excavations in American towns, particularly in Philadelphia. The same range of knowledge and practice was being employed in land engineering, topographical manipulation, brick-house design and execution, and in craftsmanship. Even the artifacts, although locally made, include the same range of types and forms. The conclusions will be presented shortly in reports to be issued simultaneously by Rutgers University and York Archaeological Trust.

by Professor Barbara Liggett, Rutgers University, and Mr P. V. Addyman, director, York Archaeological Trust.

Miles takes the lead in chess contest

Manila, Aug 19.—With only two final rounds to play in the World Junior Chess Championship here, Tony Miles of England today broke a three-way tie to take the lead with a hard-earned win over Lars-ake Schneider of Sweden.

The 19-year-old Sheffield University mathematics student is now a point clear of Alexander Kochiev of Russia and half a point in front of Roy Dieks of The Netherlands, who settled for a draw.

Both will meet Miles after tomorrow's rest day—Kochiev will play him on Wednesday, and Dieks in the final championship round on Friday.

In the other final round matches, Peter Winston of the United States beat Peter Mack of West Germany and Yugoslavia's Slavoljub Marjanovic, his hopes for first place already dashed, beat Raul Henao of Colombia.—Agence France-Presse, AP.

The standings in Group A, the championship pool, after the seventh round were: Miles (Britain) 5½ pts; Dieks (Netherlands) 5; Schneider (Sweden) 4½; Kochiev (Soviet Union) 4½; Marjanovic (Yugoslavia) 4; Winston (US) 3; Mack (West Germany) 2½; Giardelli (Argentina) 2½ (game adjourned); Henoa (Colombia) 1½; Neto (Brazil) 1 (game adjourned).—Reuter.

OBITUARY

ROBERT BOEHRINGER
German writer and scholar

W. Mc. S. writes:

Robert Boehringer, poet, writer, scholar, and the most noted surviving figure associated with Stefan George and his "Kreis", who has died at his home in Geneva at the age of 90, was a man of the highest culture and singular dedication.

Born in Stuttgart on July 30, 1884, and by training an economist, he long played a leading role in the Bâle pharmaceutical industry; but from 1940 to 1946 he devoted his undivided efforts to the relief work of the International Red Cross, whose "Vereinigtes Hilfwerk" was created by him from scratch at the invitation of the Swiss diplomat, C. J. Burckhardt, and which spread to Occupied Greece and Holland, Southern France and Theresienstadt.

Following Stefan George's death in self-imposed exile in December, 1933—when the Stauffenberg brothers mounted vigil prior to the poet's burial at Minusio in the Ticino—Boehringer as the poet's heir and executor had made himself responsible for safeguarding his memory against biased interpretation and exploitation in the Third Reich.

His *Mein Bild von Stefan George* (1951, 2nd edition 1967), while undoubtedly bearing witness to an avowed cult—with its aberrations and heresiarchs, provides the fullest and most objective testimony to the great German poet's life and personal relationships, which had comprised Dowson in England and Mallarmé in France. He published his correspondence with Hofmannsthal (2nd edition 1953) and with Gundolf (1962) ensured a complete re-edition of his works; and thanks to the Stefan George Stiftung which he founded in 1959, the work of other associated poets and writers appeared as well as a unique anthology of translations of George's poems into 13 different tongues (1973).

Boehringer's own creativ *apport* included a deeply wis and sensitive study on the life speaking and transmission o poems (*Das Leben von Gedicl ten*, 1932) and an inspired di logue, *Ewiger Augenblic* (1945), characterized by Ka Wolfskehl, the doyen of t Kreis who died in exile in Ne Zealand, as a quintessenti presentation of what they st for. His poems, *Sang Jahre* (1944), were followe others—brought together year in *Späte Ernte*—expr ing a rich and multiple Eu pean ideal. This also inspi his *Genius des Abendlan* (1970) a uniquely concei anthology of great Europe figures starting from Hom As epigraph for this advisedly chose the motto " dien".

Those who visited him in beautiful and secluded Fe au Bout du Monde on Crêts de Champel overlook the Arve were not only touc by his warm and courte welcome but deeply moved find this engaged poet and ciplined scholar, half-blind —informed by an ardent lov all great poetry from Greeks down—cultivating Muses right to the end wi rigorous and exemplary d cation. Nor did he dissoc the aesthetic imperative f human fundamentals and f first and last things. notice announcing his d bore as sole message the w of 1 Corinthians 13.8 in Luth version: "Die Liebe h nimmer auf".

PROFESSOR ALAN DUGALD McKILLOP

Professor Robert L. Patten writes:

Alan Dugald McKillop, Professor of English Emeritus at Rice University, died in Houston, Texas, on August 5.

McKillop, whose four grandparents were all born on the Isle of Arran, was himself born in Lynn, Massachusetts, on May 24, 1892. He attended Harvard University, graduating *summa cum laude* in 1913 with a major in philosophy, and returned for graduate study in English. He received his PhD in 1920, and in September of that year began a 49 year career at what was then the Rice Institute.

He served as Chairman of the Department of English from 1935 to 1957, and as President of the South Central Modern Language Association in 1950-51. He was also a member of the Texas Philosophical Society, the Texas Institute of Letters, and Phi Beta Kappa. Early in his scholarly life he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship to study the life and works of Samuel Richardson in England. McKillop taught as a visiting professor at many universities, including Chicago, Johns Hopkins, Harvard, Indiana, and Columbia.

His many writings range in subject from Old English to Jane Austen, and concentrate on the eighteenth century. He is the author of five books: two on James Thomson, one on Samuel Richardson, the survey *English Literature from Dryden to Burns*, and another standard work entitled *The Early Masters of English Fiction*. At his death he had completed the introduction to a forthcoming Augustan Society reprint of Richardson's *The Apprentice's Vade Mecum* (1734), the novelist's earliest published text and one which McKillop discovered and identified.

He was known as a brilliant and witty writer and a scholar's scholar. His memory will live not only in his books but also in the hearts of all those who knew him as teacher and friend. For 60 years the light of his mind illuminated English literature with clarity, precision, and grace.

Sir Ernest Field, CBE, for many years with John Brown & Co, Clydebank, and director of the Scottish Engineering Employers' Association, 1944-58, has died at the age of 85.

Lieutenant-Colonel Leslie George Emsden, OBE, a Justice of the Peace for Suffolk, died on Saturday. He was 81.

MR R. H. PENHAL

Mr R. H. Penhale, who at St Giles, Launceston, C wall, at the age of 80, was head of one of the lar veterinary practices in the c try.

After a brilliant career in Royal Veterinary College, w he was the leading studen his year, he was commissio in 1915 in the Royal A Veterinary Corps and poste Salonika, where he acqu that wide knowledge of ho that was later to lead to a stant demand for his serv throughout the Western c ties. He was twice mentione dispatches and made OBE.

Returning to civilian life succeeded his father at B worthy, north Devon, in family veterinary pract dating from the eighteenth tury, and won the complete fidence of the farming comm ity he served.

"A man of great professio knowledge and ability, allied a vast practical experienc ran a tribute from the H worthy branch of the NFU," became a household name almost revered by all lives owners", or as a farmer sai the writer, "All our worries as soon as he comes into yard".

He married Miss L. Dymond, of Plymouth, who p deceased him, and leaves a s who succeeds him in the p tice, and two daughters.

PROF A. C. F. BEAL

Professor A. C. F. Beales, fessor emeritus of the hist of education at King's Colle London, died on Friday at age of 69.

A graduate of King's, Be returned there in 1935 as lecturer in education, becom reader in 1953 and professo 1964. Received into the Cath church in 1935, he became active worker for the churc explaining the Vatican's posi in international affairs organizing religious grammes for the BBC du the war. From 1941 to 1947 was at various times hono secretary of the Sword of Spirit movement and served chairman in 1949. His publi tions included *A Guide to Teaching of History in Scho The Catholic Church and In national Order* and *Educ Under Penalty: The Edu of English Catholics 1547-16* He married in 1935 Fre daughter of Augustine Cole Morris.

Arthur Booth, a former Yo shire left-hand spin bowler, died in a Rochdale hospital the age of 72.

Science report

Chromosomes: Radiation and abnormalities

Many cases of congenital abnormality and spontaneous abortion in humans are associated with a particular chromosomal state in which each cell contains three copies of one of the chromosomes instead of the normal two. The best-known case of trisomy, as that condition is called, is Down's syndrome or mongolism, where three copies of chromosome number 21 are always present.

Trisomy arises when the chromosomes do not segregate normally during cell division. A normal mammalian body cell contains two copies of each chromosome. When the cell divides, these double up and then separate into the daughter cells so that each receives the full complement of genetic information. But if that mechanism goes awry, daughter cells may be produced that contain three of the copies of one chromosome (the companion cell will therefore be left with only one).

The most dangerous time at which this "nondisjunction" can happen is during the formation of the germ cells, the female oocytes and the male sperm. They are formed by a special kind of cell division in which the chromosome number is halved but nondisjunction can occur in that case as well. It is trisomies in those cells that give rise to the congenital abnormalities, as the trisomy is then passed on to every cell as the embryo develops.

A certain amount of spontaneous nondisjunction occurs naturally, for reasons that nobody yet knows, but for the past decade the idea has been canvassed that the ra might be increased by extern factors such as the increased u of diagnostic X-ray examinatio Excessive amounts of radiation un doubtedly cause many chrom somal abnormalities but the poi of controversy is whether the lo levels used in routine X-ray exa nations are damaging enough cause nondisjunction.

In an attempt to resolve th Dr I. A. Uchida and Dr Viola L of MacMaster University, Canad writing in *Nature* recently, describ experiments in which they expos young female mice to low leve of radiation and then examined th oocytes for trisomies. Among th thousand oocytes studied the found six trisomies, but none in similar number of oocytes fro unirradiated mice. Statistic analysis proves that result to b significant.

Women and other femal mammals are particularly at ris because of the peculiar sequen of events during the formation of the oocytes. The first stages of formation are complete by birth and the oocyte then goes into an arrested state until just before ovulation. There is therefore a long period when the oocyte is vulnerable to radiation damage, and repeated doses of X-rays could be one of the hazards.

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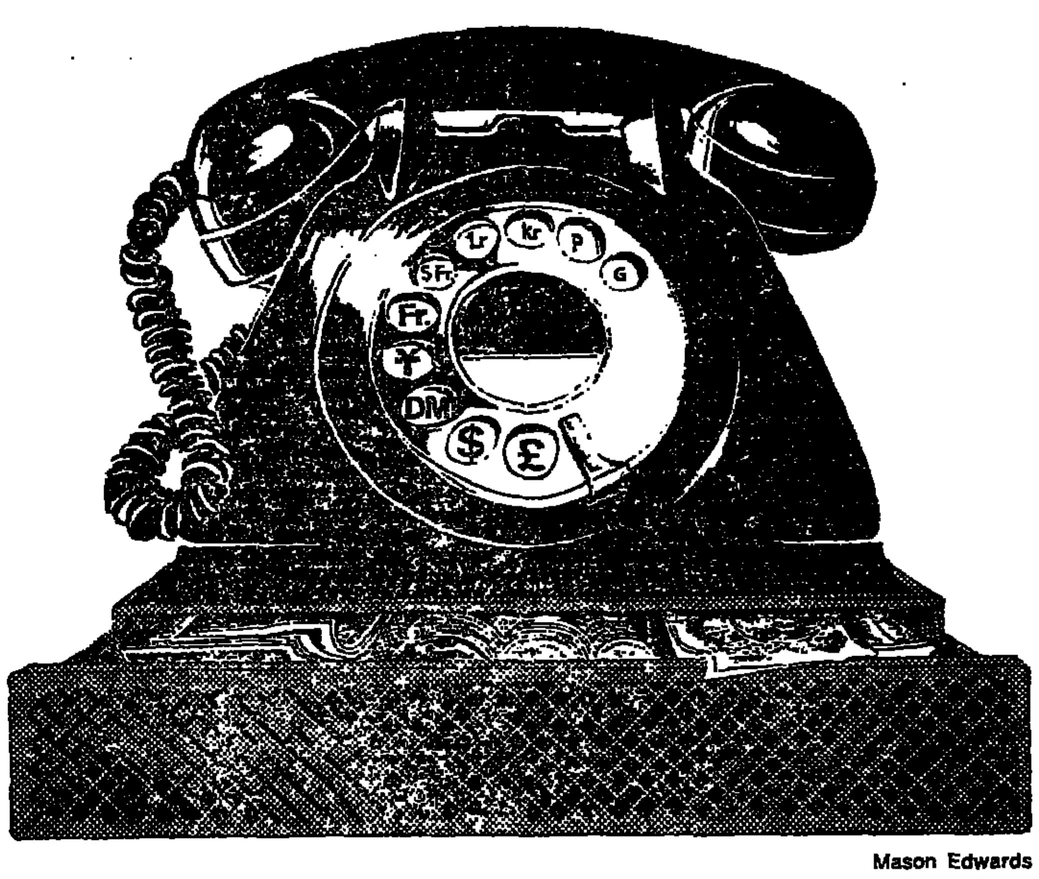
London Foreign Exchange Market

a Special Report



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It was the series of publicly disclosed losses—from the Union Bank of Switzerland, *the Franklin National* Bank in the United States, and the Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale and I.D. Herstatt in West Germany—that finally brought home to foreign exchange dealers and their banks in all the major financial *centres exactly how disas*trous it could be to "take large positions" in foreign currencies.

The collapse of Herstatt in the early summer, as a result of currency speculation, was particularly upsetting. The level of currency dealing fell sharply. Some dealers estimated the turnover in the weeks after the Herstatt debacle as only a quarter of the level seen during the preceding weeks.

This whole lugubrious episode contrasted bitterly with *the profitable years that had* gone before.

When the main industrialized countries conformed to *the International Monetary* Fund rules and maintained their currencies at fixed parities within narrow bands, and the central bank was obliged to purchase its own currency on an almost unlimited scale to support its external value, it was an uncommonly inept speculator who failed to make a profit from any ultimate change in the exchange rate.

The series of exchange rate changes from 1967, particularly the realignment of currency parities in December 1971, enabled speculators to make handsome profits equivalent to many billions of dollars. Naturally, there has been little public acknowledgment *of this* by the banks and companies *concerned, and evidence is* therefore scanty.

In an attempt to make life more difficult for the speculator and increase the potential risk of "running a position" in the currency markets, the monetary authorities agreed at the time of the realignment to widen *the margin of fluctuation* between currencies from 1 per cent either side of parity (giving a total 2 per cent band) to 2¼ per cent (4½ per cent band).

But the big change came with the floating of the major currencies in March, 1973, after the second devaluation of the dollar. Although central banks still managed their currencies, in the sense that they tried to *contain the more excessive* exchange rate movements, and, additionally, a group of European currencies continued to float together in a block, thus maintaining a fixed margin between them, the actual element of risk for the speculator increased substantially.

As first sterling and the lira, and later the French franc withdrew from the European joint float, so this risk grew. No longer was there any certainty that a central bank would defend a given exchange rate; and the speculator no longer had a fixed point to push against.

The extent that currencies were then able to fluctuate against each other was exemplified by the change in the dollar relationship with the mark. Between April and July, 1973, the dollar fell over 20 per cent against the mark, only to rise in the following six months by about 26 per cent.

That life is more difficult for speculators and multinational companies speculating in currencies is unlikely to cause much regret outside those institutions directly involved. But the broader consequences of this changed environment are much greater. For the overseas investor, the exporter, and the currency dealer conducting the regular business of *matching buyers and sellers*, the new regime posed potentially considerable problems.

The currency markets are not an end in themselves. They are there to serve commerce and investment, and it is the effect of the floating regime on these functions that matters ultimately for the orderly running of the world economy.

The evidence suggests that foreign trade *has not greatly* suffered. Indeed, it reached record levels in 1973. If it declines this year, that will be the result of the general downturn in economic activity throughout the industrialized world, rather than the failure to stabilize and reform the international monetary system.

There can, however, be no doubt that the chaotic conditions to which the foreign exchanges have been exposed over past months have been a severe test of the skill and competence of the currency dealer and the resilience of the market institutions. When currencies can rise and fall by several hundred points in the space of two telephone calls, losses can be *suffered even before a deal* is complete. Many people both inside and outside the market believe this to be an unsatisfactory situation which must shortly be brought to an end.

Yet it is difficult not to conclude that—in spite of the difficulties faced in currency dealing rooms—only the inherent flexibility of *floating exchange rates has* prevented a collapse of the world monetary system. The floating system has absorbed large fluctuations during 1973-74, in the face of great pressures, which would have broken the back of a fixed and rigid system.

This is conceded by most of the advocates of a return to prescribed parities. It is widely accepted that any re*formed monetary system* would have to be more readily adaptable to changing international circumstances. The solution is seen by many people as "fixed but adjustable"—or "adjustable but fixed" rates—depending on where they put the emphasis.

But there can be no certainty that even a monetary system recast along these *lines could* cope with a repetition of the exchange rate surges started by quadrupling of the world oil price. *It is for this reason* that any hope of an early, thorough, reform of the system has been abandoned, and the International Monetary Fund's Committee of 20, under Mr Jeremy Morse, which for almost two years struggled to find a basis for such world monetary reform, has been wound up.

The twin problems of world inflation and higher *oil prices had made it im*possible to negotiate the kind of full reforms envisaged when the committee started its work in September 1972.

The fact that, among the recommendations ultimately made by the committee were the so-called Guidelines for the Management of Floating Rates, indicates clearly that floating exchange rates are officially expected to remain for some time to come.

These guidelines are intended essentially to provide the basis of a dialogue between the International Monetary Fund and its member coun*tries and are termed guide*lines rather than rules to indicate their tentative and experimental character. Con*sisting only of general prin*ciples for official intervention in the market, they are aimed at promoting exchange stability, maintaining orderly trading, and avoiding competitive exchange rate alterations.

This at least provides some framework for foreign exchange market operations at the international level, but does little to steer either the humble exporter or the currency dealer through the difficult and seemingly unnavigable shoals of the float*ing rate system*.

In this context, the recent bank losses will serve as an important discipline on those who participate in the market. The greater caution that this will instil into currency traders of all complexions may reduce the volume of trading, and therefore produce a narrower and less readily accommodating mar*ket, but it will not univer*sally be viewed as wholly out of place in the present difficult times.

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It is evident that both foreign banks and private individuals have used the *forward market* for speculative purposes but that speculation in itself has had a minimal effect on the overall trading in the forward markets. It would be a great mistake if the abusing of the market were to result in a decline of the ability to deal forward.

The obvious solution would be for all central banks to limit the outright exposure which their domestic banks may take when estimating the performance of their own currency against another currency, and indeed between two external currencies.

British banks *have* for many years been severely limited in their exposure so far as sterling deals are concerned and *I expect that this control will* be extended to cover "cross" currency (non-sterling) dealing.

In the environment of floating rates international traders have found it increasingly useful to use the forward *markets as a means of cover*ing their future currency commitments. Their profit margins are tight enough already without running an additional exchange risk.

Gone are the days when forward commitment was the arbitrary responsibility of the finance director. Indeed, a large number of the multinational companies have now created their own foreign exchange dealing rooms to rationalize their currency requirements. The increasing complexity of commercial operators has in turn meant an improvement in the services which they obtain from their banks so far as both advice and competitive quotations are concerned.

These demands are not without dangers for the banks through whom they are dealing. For many years banks have *granted* options to their commercial clients which naturally implies an element of risk. More recently there has been a demand on the part of companies to cover their specific forward dates in which there are no immediately available market quotations.

Faced with the need to supply a quotation for four and a half months forward the dealer may calculate what the rate should be but he is unlikely to be able to cover that date himself in the interbank market. He therefore has to decide whether to cover four or five months forward or, if there *should be no interest in those* periods, whether to cover three or six months forward.

Thus the currency require*ments are covered in amount* but not in time with the obvious danger that the cost of covering the period outstanding between the date for which the client covered and the date at which the *bank covered proves* more expensive that expected.

Nevertheless the banks have been willing to provide this service to the customers' advantage and not only for such fairly short periods, as already implied, but for periods well in excess of one year forward and not only so far as sterling deals are concerned but also "cross" deals.

Long maturities and an increasing number of contracts raise the problem of a client's credit standing, *and it is quite possible* that the practice of banks requiring original and variation margin for forward contracts may grow rapidly. After all, and particularly in the wake of the Herstatt collapse, banks already undertake a rigid credit analysis of those with whom they deal in the interbank market.

The scope for entering into forward exchange contracts has always been considered greater than that available for lending funds to other institutions on the basis that liquidation would mean the negation of outstanding exchange contracts and therefore the potential loss was restricted to the cost of covering an outstanding position at a possibly adverse rate. The closure of Herstatt during banking hours however proved that the potential losses can be much greater.

As a result of this reassessment of the market the incidence of deals not being closed because of a "limit" problem has become much higher and this has naturally disrupted the flow of business. But in time, although the volume of the markets may not reach its previous levels, the dealing will be on a *sounder basis*.

In addition to helping international trade, the development of the forward markets has also assisted in the growth of the international capital markets. Borrowers of dollars, if the supply of *dollars is limited, have* become accustomed to taking Swiss francs or Deutsche marks and simultaneously selling them spot for dollars and contracting to repurchase against a sale of dollars on the maturity of the loan. This form of interest arbitrage may well produce funds at a cheaper rate than that indicated by the interbank market.

Occasions have arisen when those needing sterling for five years have found it easier and cheaper to borrow dollars, exchange those dollars into sterling and contract to repurchase the dollars forward rather than to bid for the funds in the interbank sterling market.

The facility of switching between different capital markets has been particularly important to the increasing number of companies which have negotiated rollover loans which at the maturity of each rollover have the right to decide whether to continue their borrowings in one currency or switch and borrow in another currency.

The growth of the forward markets has presented central banks with the option of a new style of intervention. Forward intervention by central *banks used to be* merely a corollary of intervention in the spot market, an expression of confidence in the existing fixed parity.

The Bank of England has *recently shown* that *skilful* intervention in the forward market resulting in the raising of the interest costs incurred through running bear positions of sterling can be as effective, if not more so, and indeed cheaper than the spot purchase of its own currency and the sale of reserves. Other central banks will follow in this use of the forward markets.

Central banks, international trading companies and those involved in the capital markets may all take advantage of the expanding forward markets. The benefits are obvious. The abuses are *self-evident but it is surely* naive to have expected such a rapid expansion without some problems.

Outright forward positions have proved highly dangerous, over-trading has occurred encouraged by inexperienced dealers and brokers, *though the overall contribu*tion to the market by the brokers far outweighs their shortcomings, and the senior managements of many banks have not been sufficiently aware of the credit risks which their dealing rooms have been running.

All this is despite the fact that 1974 is by no means the first year in which some banks have had to take large losses in the foreign exchange market. In 1966 and 1967 there were substantial losses for some major international banks. More control will be exercised by banks internally and externally by the central banks but this must take place rationally, not in a state of panic.

*For the moment the for*ward markets are in danger of going backwards. It would be very retrogressive if the skill and knowledge acquired in recent years was to be lost because of the period of uncertainty through which we are passing.

European bankers hostile to City's reputation

by David Blake

The emergence of London as the world's undisputed financial centre in the 1960s relied on a paradox. At the same time as Britain's ailing economy required more and more stringent exchange controls to help to cope with balance of payments problems, the international activities of the City were allowed *to expand with considerable* freedom by the Bank of England.

This expansion has caused a great deal of the latent hostility to London that is felt by some of the centres which have sought, and are still seeking, to challenge it for the still unawarded title of the financial centre of a united Europe. Bankers on the Continent have at times tended to *feel* that London has got where it has by adopting the attitude that "you can do what you like as *long* as you don't do it in such a way as to hurt us in Britain".

But there are deeper reasons why London has assumed such an important role in Eurocurrency and in general foreign exchange markets. Only the Swiss, apart from the British, were able to maintain any continuity in their banking business *through* the war. For both Germany and France, which had thriving if limited overseas operations before the war, the period which ended in 1945 was a time of destruction.

This meant that when the great Eurocurrency boom came along in the 1960s most continental banking systems lacked the skill to cope with it. *This was partly due to* lack of experience and partly due to other factors.

In the case of Paris, for example, *the whole structure* of French banking was concentrated far more on fulfilling the financial demands of French industrial *expansion* than on building up international business. This is no doubt at least to some degree explained by the fact that the country's three largest banks are state-owned and have been consciously used to build up French industry.

Although French balance of payments problems have on the whole been no more severe than those of Britain (and are now a great deal easier) the French have always been far more willing to impose restrictions on foreign exchange transaction than has Britain and have taken less trouble to separate the domestic market from international markets.

This has meant that foreign exchange operations in Paris have been limited and have tended to be restricted to those required in connexion with French needs of foreign currency for investment or foreign trade and *foreign needs* of *francs* for investment in France.

Last year, as Britain entered the EEC, there was a *flurry of anxiety in Paris* about the dominant role built up by London in international markets. The air *was full of grandiose* schemes for making Paris a major competitor to the City, with the full panoply of ser*vices. Somehow these do not* seem to have come to anything.

Paris is still a fairly small-*scale competitor and in the* troubled state of the world's money markets probably feels rather less worried about this fact *than it did*. There is also no doubt that French ambitions to build up Paris as an important financial centre were *at least* in part associated with a slight sense of insecurity about how important a role the United *Kingdom would play gener*ally inside the EEC. The first 18 months have gone a long way to reassure the French that *Britain is not* going to dominate it.

If the Paris foreign exchange market has suffered *from too much regulation*, the market in Frankfurt has probably suffered from too little. Until a few years ago West Germany had no foreign exchange controls at all. Foreign currencies could be bought and sold freely, and banks could engage in forward transactions on the market without notifying the Bundesbank and could risk as much as they liked in such deals. This was in sharp contrast to the situation in London, where a close watch was kept on all transactions.

Although the lack of restriction has allowed Frankfurt to expand its foreign exchange activity rapidly in the past few years, it has also increased the risks. This has been particularly true since the introduction of a system of floating exchange rates, which leaves speculators in foreign exchange markets at risk to lose large sums of money *if they take part* in large-scale transactions.

Floating rates have resulted in a much larger turnover in foreign currency markets, and German banks have been among the leaders, gaining some disapproval from the Americans, for example, in the process. For some of the big members of the German banking community the foreign exchange markets have brought much needed earnings at a time when the domestic banking scene was difficult. But for others they have resulted in heavy losses and for one, Herstatt of Cologne, in bankruptcy.

The collapse of Herstatt, brought about by large foreign exchange losses, has cast a pall over the whole foreign exchange market in

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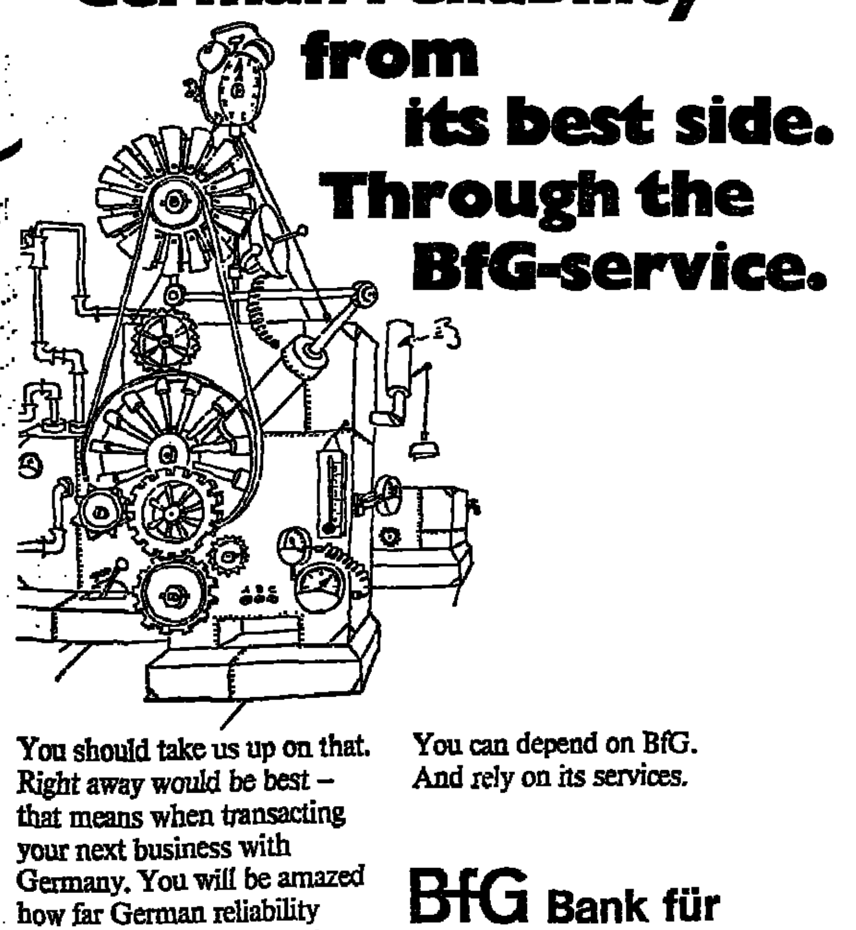


Floating rates demand finer judgment

by Tim Congdon

Foreign exchange markets have recently been in a state of turmoil. Fluctuations in rates have been large, while there has been *an occasional tendency for* the spread between buying and selling quotations to widen substantially. Dealers have frequently expressed surprise at the size of movements in one trading session and it has become increasingly difficult for ordinary commercial customers to predict future changes in rates.

The main reason for this has been the almost universal abandonment of fixed exchange rates. Several institutional adjustments followed this change. Banks in London, as in other financial centres, became more concerned with their foreign exchange operations and a number committed themselves extensively in the forward markets.

Greater resort to the forward markets was a natural accompaniment to floating rates. Companies entering into commitments several months in advance wished to avoid undertaking too many risks and it was inevitable that they would try to arrange a price today which would be acceptable when payment became due.

Unfortunately there were drawbacks to the expansion of forward dealing. In present conditions central banks have not abandoned a residual right to intervene in the markets to prevent the exchange rate deviating too far from the levels considered suitable for domestic economic policy. The danger remains, therefore, that intervention will be erratic or "dirty". Well grounded commercial judgment may prove incorrect because of the authorities' actions.

The first major example of this was in 1973, when the United States devalued the dollar for the second time. This came as a blow to most operators in foreign exchange markets and several banks, which had expected the United States Treasury to put up a stouter resistance to transient pressures against the dollar, lost money. According to Mr Geoffrey Bell, a director of Schroders International and an expert on foreign exchange matters, this may have *caused some banks, if not to* withdraw altogether, at any rate to participate less actively in the markets. This reduced the number of buyers and sellers and meant that fluctuations became sharper.

In these circumstances some European banks were tempted to increase their operations. The greater caution of the American and British banks was offset by the greater involvement of *the West German and Swiss* concerns. However, this was taken too far in some instances and the recent collapse of the I.D. Herstatt Bank has caused some reassessment of priorities by continental financial institu*tions.*

The two main restrictions have been imposed by banks themselves. The first is that the directors have decided that only a particular proportion of their funds should be available to the foreign exchange department. This has long been traditional practice with merchant banks in London and is one of the reasons why they have not been badly hit by recent developments.

The second is the placing of a limit on the maximum size of any single deal. This also is traditional practice, but now it is having to be observed more scrupulously than before. The new conservatism has affected the forward market more than the spot market. Deals in excess of $10m are found only in the dollar, the Deutsche mark, sterling and the Swiss franc. The forward markets for French francs and Italian lire are almost non-existent.

Floating rates have also caused changes in the internal organization of banks and foreign exchange dealers. There has been little increase in the administrative load on foreign exchange departments, because rates altered under the fixed exchange system if they were within a narrower band than today. Electronic calculators are also now more readily available.

The more important change is the greater significance attached to forecasting future rate movements. Before 1971 it was vital to be well informed about the outlook for the major currencies, but changes were usually predictable. In 1967, for example, it was common knowledge that the pound would either be devalued or stay at the same level. The possibility that the rate might be adjusted upwards simply did not arise.

Today it is much more *rare for observers to be* able to say that the rate will move in one direction and one direction only. The situation is double-edged and the task of predicting future developments more *problematical.*

A good *example* is provided by recent swings in the pound. At the beginning of this year the rate hovered between $2.15 and $2.25 for several weeks. *This* was interpreted by some West German and Swiss banks, rather simplistically perhaps, as a sure sign of continuing sterling weakness and they made commitments to sell the pound at this level some months later. But, buoyed up by heavy inflows of Arab funds, the pound did not move lower. On the contrary it picked up to $2.40 and above. The banks have lost a great deal of money.

The lesson here is that the situation before 1971, where currency speculation was a one-way bet, has *passed away for ever.* It was easy to assume that the pound would be the eternal invalid of the currency scene, but this proved incorrect.

The difficulties of forecasting future movements *have meant that economic* advice has been sought increasingly. Most of the merchant banks now have distinct economic intelligence units and one of their main functions is to keep the foreign exchange department fully informed about the background to currency trading. The clearing banks also are having to pay much more attention to international trends and financial news.

A number of other recent changes have affected foreign exchange departments. Entry into the European Economic Community has made it much easier to transfer capital to European countries. The expansion of the Eurodollar market has also increased business because it opens up a number of new arbitrage possibilities which frequently involve switching from one currency to another.

One result of the greater internationalism of business generally is that it has become worth while for banks to have branches in several countries. There has recently been talk—if rather casual and unspecific talk—of international banking mergers. The advantages are *obvious. It would be* feasible for a company to borrow pounds in Britain, francs in France and lire in Italy, all from the same bank, without the need for a new check on creditworthiness.

British money broker spreads his influence

by Peter Clayton

In writing of the part played by the money broker in the foreign exchange market, it is necessary to look at the market itself. As with most matters of national economics, *the* 1939-45 period proved to be a watershed. Up to 1939 the influence of London was based on the banking skill which the United Kingdom had gained from financing the extension of the old British trading empire.

Since much of the trade in world commodities was still carried out in London, the discounting of the paper which financed such trade was also carried out there. *Where* exchange of currencies was required, this too was effected in the City and a group of money brokers offered a service to assist in this business.

Just before the outbreak of war in 1939, these brokers were nearly *all* small in numbers employed but quite a large number of separate companies existed. During the war some of them worked in the Bank of England, often helping in the work associated with exchange control, but after 1945 the brokers started up again and gradually grew larger in line with the market itself.

As exchange control regulations were relaxed, so the business of foreign *exchange became more* extensive. Europe particularly had the enormous tasks of rebuilding cities and industry. This needed large amounts of capital, *some of which was provided* by central banks and some by the international banking community. The Americans had become more important than ever in the development of Europe's economics and naturally the United States dollar became the dominant currency.

Gradually there grew up a market in dollars which were held to the account of non-residents of the United States and were therefore freely convertible. These dollars became known as Eurodollars and this market has become the central unit of account by which currencies are judged.

The growth of Eurodollars was a great boost to London as a money centre. American banks particularly set up in the City and they have been the most important group so far as Eurodollar deposit trading has been concerned. At the same time European and other banks came to London so that today there are about 300 names dealing in the London market, making *it the most important centre* in the world for foreign exchange and currency deposit business.

In line with this growth, there has been a similar expansion of money brokers. These companies are in general banded together under the title of the Foreign Exchange and Currency Deposit Brokers Association which works with the banks through the Foreign Exchange Committee under the eye of *the Bank of England.*

A major problem as a result of the huge growth of this business has been the lack of trained staff for both banks and brokers. It is difficult to say exactly how long the necessary training would take since so much depends on the adaptability of the trainee, but most professionals would agree that at least a year or two is required before much skill or knowledge would be gained.

For a time this lack of sufficient background knowledge of the business had been obvious. Some would even say that part of the cause of the present problems is due to inexperience in handling foreign *exchange and deposit positions.* However, it is too easy to make such judgments with hindsight.

The role of the money broker is to act as a sounding board for his client by *informing him of* the *bids* and offers for deposits in the market or the rates of exchange, one currency against another, both spot and forward. Often the client will not wish to deal but just to check the market. However, when he *does wish to do some business* the main use of a broker comes into play. This is in saving his client time by knowing exactly where the counter party for his business might be found.

At the same time, the *broker* protects the *identity* of his client as it is only when the deal is about to be closed that names are passed. If the principal were to try to do all of his business directly with other principals, it would mean a large element of hit and miss before he found the correct other side for his deal. If, as often happens, the rates are moving rapidly he may not get the deal done at the rate he wanted because by the time he has *found the other half to the* transaction, the whole market could have moved against him.

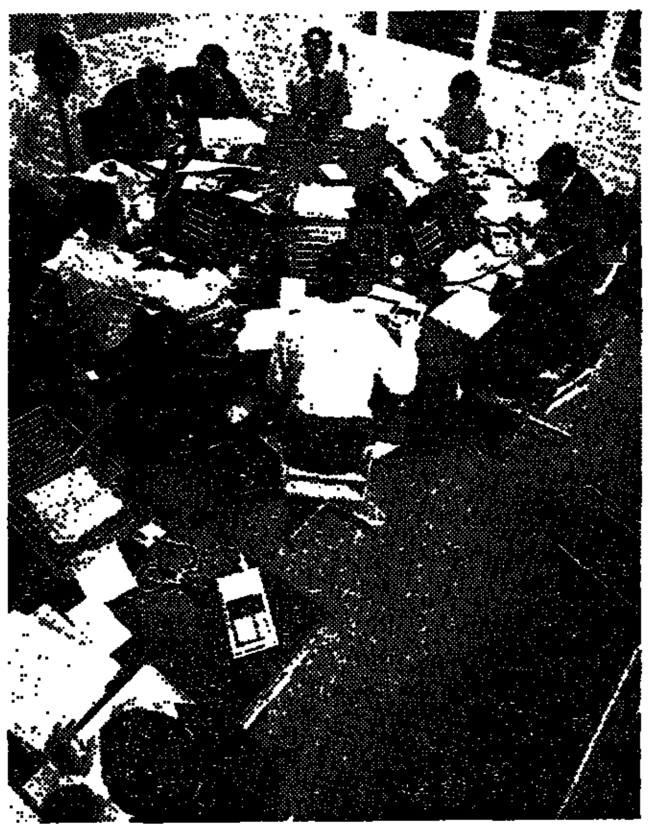
At the same time, if he tries to deal directly he can be read by others in the market and his own endeavours could push the rate against him. Thus the broker has a special role to play but it does not mean he has a monopoly. Many deals are done direct in deposits and it is this flexible approach to business which enables the banks and *brokers to appreciate the* position and value of one to the other.

The British money broker has spread his influence especially during the last five years, so that now the major broking companies in London have offices in Europe, the Middle East, the Far East and North America. Many major centres in other countries can see that for both national and international reasons it is beneficial to have a properly organized money market.

Recently all the world's money markets have been under heavy strain. The task of the money broker in foreign exchange markets has suddenly become much more *difficult because many* banks are tending to reduce credit limits and the broker finds too often that his price is right but his name is wrong.

Such a situation requires a large measure of understanding between the parties involved if a collapse of the western world's credit and banking system is to be avoided. There must be a period of consolidation during the next three to six months and during this time it could well be that some of *the* weaker brethren will go to the wall. However, I am confident that by next Easter the whole market will have settled down again.

Lessons will have been learnt and losses will have been sustained. But it will be a stronger market-place by reason of these difficult times. The role of the money broker in foreign exchange in the future is to become even more a part of the world banking and therefore become even more responsible, efficient and professional.



Direct lines from Samuel Montagu in the City link multilingual dealers to brokers and markets in many countries.

European bankers hostile

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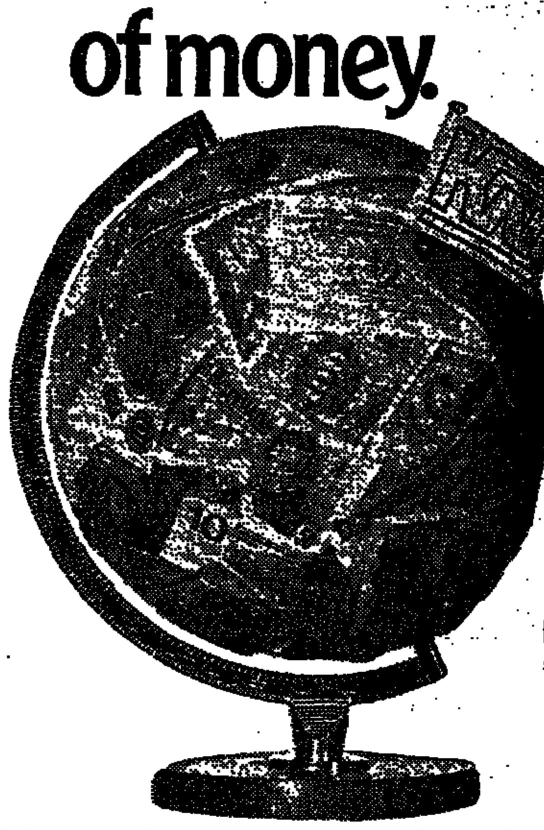
Germany. Most estimates suggest that turnover is at present running at only between 10 per cent and 15 per cent of its level before the Herstatt collapse in June. Banks are unwilling to speculate because of the risk of losses, and everybody is worried about the banks.

This loss of confidence will take considerable time to remedy, and the general scepticism over West German banking laws and the banking community generally which the handling of the affair has induced has clearly set back, perhaps irrevocably, Frankfurt's chance to rival London in the world currency markets.

In Switzerland, too, there have recently been heavy foreign exchange losses, but the Swiss banking community has built up its reputation over the years to *such* an extent that it has been able to absorb them more easily. Zurich is one of the great foreign exchange markets of the world; the big three Swiss banks are as large as any in the world market.

Where Swiss banks are sensitive, however, is to the suggestion, often made, that they owe their importance not to their skill in dealing but to the fact that they offer a convenient method of tax evasion for the rich. Suggestions that the number of banks in the country means that there are more banks than there are really qualified people to staff them tend to be met with a very cold stare indeed.



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Overseas banks find status is costly

by Christopher Wilkins

Business is turning sour on *Britain's foreign banking* community. Many of the banks which rushed headlong into London as it emerged as the world capital of international banking are now seriously *asking whether they ought* to go home again.

Such questioning is not new. It was to be heard during 1972 and 1973 as well. But that was before Britain ran into its fringe *bank and property crises* and before the more recent retrenchment in the foreign exchange and Eurocurrency markets. With such additional problems to cope with, only the matter of prestige *can* be keeping some of the banks here.

Far from an outward trend developing, however, the direction is still towards yet more banks opening in London, albeit at a much *more subdued pace* than during the past decade.

In 1960, the foreign banks in London numbered 77. By *1970* there were *more* than twice that number and by the end of *last* year the total had risen to about 230 banks directly represented. A further 50 were indirectly represented *via shareholder interests in consortia* banks. Since then several more banks have opened up.

With such a glut of banking capability in one financial centre it was only to be expected that some would find the competitive *pace too hectic to justify* the heavy cost of maintaining a presence, particularly in the cases of those banks which chose to mount expensive branch operations.

Most of the banks wanted prime locations as close to the Bank of England as possible, and as a result such pressure has been brought to bear on rents within the Square Mile that they are now among the world's highest.

Ten years ago office space was available in the City for about £3 a sq ft. Now it is reckoned that rents for good quality banking *premises are in the* region of £20 to £25 a sq ft—although it can vary widely with proximity to the Bank. In the case of banking halls rents are even higher, recent estimates for *prime space being* as *high* as £40 to £50 a sq ft.

Other costs have also been soaring, not least that of housing *bank* executives in some of London's most expensive residential areas. Again, British corporation tax, up by 25 per cent last year, was raised by a further 4 per cent in the March budget, *when* the Government *also unveiled* proposals for a major increase in the levels of per*sonal tax on foreign na*tionals resident in Britain. Subsequent modifications to these plans have not done much to ease the blow.

At the same time, foreign banks have been finding that *much of the business* which justified establishing a London operation in the first place has become progressively more difficult and less profitable.

A number of foreign banks, for instance, have been caught badly in the shake-out of British property values, many of them having extended substantial loans to property developers *during 1972 and 1973* when values were hitting a peak from which they have since fallen. Others have suffered heavily from trading in the Eurobond market.

More recently, they have suffered from the halving of foreign exchange business as speculators pulled out of *the market in the wake of a* series of disastrous banking losses.

The most crucial problems, though, have arisen in the medium-term lending *side* of the Eurocurrency market. Its development since the mid-1960s, centred mainly in London, has been the main reason both for the influx of the foreign banks and, latterly, for their discomfort.

As *the rush to participate* in this expanding market gathered pace, however, the competition between banks to lend at a time when deposits were freely available resulted in borrowers *forcing down the interest* rate spreads they paid over interbank rates—the rates at which the banks themselves could raise deposits.

During 1972 and 1973, spurred on by a massive increase in Japanese banks' participation in the market, the spreads to *many* of *the* better risk borrowers became so low as *to leave* little meaningful profit after overheads. Even relatively high-risk borrowers *were successful in raising* funds at ever lower spreads.

The inevitable outcome was that although the scale of business transacted continued to grow at a hectic pace, profit margins came *under pressure. Governor* Brimmer of the Federal Reserve Board made the point explicit last year in a study which showed that the London branches of American banks in 1972 achieved a lower return on assets than the home operations and hence were a drag on their parents' profitability. *In* that respect, 1973 was a tougher year still.

In 1974 the problems have been of a rather different sort. After a heavy spate of *lending at fine rates in the* first two or three months of the year, margins began to recover. The loan demands of oil deficit nations soared and the withdrawal from the market of the Japanese *banks almost overnight* helped to strengthen the banks' lending position.

But just as the outlook appeared to brighten the failures of Franklin National Bank and Herstatt Bank cast a new cloud of uncertainty over the Eurocurrency market. Against a *background of depositor un*certainty, many smaller banks found it harder and more expensive to raise deposits. Some have been forced to restrict the scale of their operations sharply.

An indication of what overall impact these developments could have on the market can be gathered from Morgan Guaranty Trust's recent forecast that, after expanding by almost *20 per cent in the first four* and a half months of the year, the overall Eurocurrency pool is likely to be static or declining in the second half.

Important though the Euromarkets have been to most foreign banks, however, they have by no means *provided the sole rationale* for a London operation.

As a financial centre London's freedom from restrictions remains unsurpassed. It is significant that *the removal of the* United States controls on overseas investment in January have not visibly resulted in a *flight of business* from London to New York as some expected. There may yet be a more noticeable shift of emphasis in the direction of New York, but most bankers are convinced *that London will continue* to thrive.

Automation comes swiftly

by Gordon Fraser

The large-scale adoption of electronic data processing methods planned for the next few years could be the biggest influence on the handling of foreign exchange transactions since the introduction of the teleprinter.

The organization behind these changes is Swift (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication), a cooperative, non-profit-making body whose shareholders include 239 major European and North American banks. It was set up to provide members with their own private telecommunications network to relay details of payments, transfers and statements.

Scheduled to start at the end of 1976, the Swift network will replace traditional *methods* of handling international payments by mail and telex. Its system of connecting international communications lines will be based on two major switching centres in Amsterdam and Brussels together with message "concentrators" in 12 national communications centres.

Logica, the *United Kingdom* telecommunications firm which has been responsible for the design of the network, says that banks will have access to Swift through public telex terminals, through *Teletype units or by com*puter. The network will then be able to service the wide range of banking organizations among its subscribers.

Although not every bank is a member of Swift, its *designers* maintain that well over 90 per cent of all foreign *exchange* traffic will *be handled* by the network.

The communications system is designed to cope with 23 messages each second, but this can be increased as the system grows and it is estimated that by 1980 260,000 messages could be dealt with *every day*

To make maximum use of such a powerful communications medium, it is important that a standardized method of communications is established so that all subscribers use the network in the same way. Detailed agreement has been reached for sending details of cus*tomer transfers* and bank statements and agreement is also imminent on a standard for foreign exchange confirmations.

It is important to note that Swift is not intended to be a dealing system. Although the network is being designed to carry large volumes of traffic, it uses the store and forward *tech*nique in which messages are held in the system until the destination terminal is accessible.

In this way, banks equipped with a wide variety of *terminals* using different speeds of operation can communicate with each other. and *messages* can *still be* transmitted even if the destination terminal is busy. A dealing system, on the other hand, would require the immediate responses of an interactive system.

With such a large communications potential, Swift's designers say that it is *important for each subscriber* to automate as many aspects of his own operations as he *can* to get *maximum* benefit from the network.

However, Swift provides *no* data processing power except that needed to operate the store and forward communications system, so the network cannot handle the reconciliation of customer accounts or the settlement of international payments.

But it still *provides a com*munications medium through which these operations could be accomplished automatic*ally*, and this has prompted both individual banks and computer specialists to *design computer systems to* take care of additional aspects of foreign exchange operations.

Most of the present wave of automation in the foreign exchange market is geared *to increasing the efficiency* of communications, accounting and payments handling, but one major manufacturer reports the use of a computer as a management science aid for spotting complex arbitrage situations where dealings are separated by time, distance and interest rates.

The overall picture that emerges is one of a market *which not so long ago was* using nothing more complicated than telephones and *pieces of paper* but which is now turning to some of the most advanced telecom*munications and automation* systems to be found in any area of commerce.

London and Regional Market Prices

Further losses

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began Aug 19. Dealings End, Aug 30. § Contango Day, Sept 2. Settlement Day, Sept 10.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

BRITISH FUNDS

1973/74 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
99¹¹⁄₁₆	94¾	Treas	8¾% 1974	98²³⁄₃₂	+¹⁄₃₂	8.842	11.102
97²⁷⁄₃₂	92¾	Treas	6% 1975	97⅞	..	6.130	10.869
99²⁵⁄₃₂	93¾	Treas	8% 1975	98¹¹⁄₁₆	+¹⁄₁₆	8.158	10.735
95⅞	88¾	Savings	3% 1965-75	93¹⁵⁄₁₆	-¹⁄₁₆	3.193	9.601
95¹³⁄₃₂	88	Exch	6½% 1976	94¾	● ..	6.887	10.612
94¹³⁄₃₂	86	Treas	6½% 1976	91¾	-¹⁄₁₆	7.085	11.254
98½	95	Victory	4% 1976	98	● ..	4.082	8.033
99⅞	94½	Treas	10½% 1976	96⅝	-¹⁄₁₆	10.874	12.222
91²³⁄₃₂	83⅞	Treas	6¾% 1977	88½	● ..	7.062	11.603
89	81¼	Elec	3% 1974-77	87¾	● ..	3.423	8.476
99½	93¾	Treas	11½% 1977	96½	-¼	11.922	12.892
86⅞	77¾	Trans	4% 1972-77	84½	..	4.734	9.534
101¹⁄₁₆	86⅜	Treas	9% 1978	91¾	●-¼	9.851	12.067
86⅞	75¾	Exch	5% 1976-78	80¾	+¼	6.185	10.888
79½	65½	Treas	3% 1979	72¼	●-¼	4.148	10.099
81¾	69¾	Elec	4¼% 1974-79	76¾	-¼	5.707	10.873
77¼	67½	Elec	3½% 1976-79	73¼	-¼	4.840	10.503
109⅝	81¾	Treas Cnv	9% 1980	81¾	● ..	10.981	13.780
87¼	69⅞	Fund	5½% 1978-80	74½	-¼	7.139	11.633
70⅛	64⅛	Treas	3½% 77-80	71¼	-¼	4.964	10.381
75¼	61¾	Treas	3½% 79-81	67½	-¼	5.190	10.553
97¾	75¾	Treas	8¼% 1980-82	76½	-¼	11.218	13.818
97½	88⅝	Treas.	12% 1983	89⅜	●-¼	13.442	14.220
80⅝	61¾	Fund	5½% 1982-84	63⅞	-¼	8.688	13.141
95½	68⅞	Treas	8½% 1984-86	68¾	-¼	12.471	14.092
81¾	56¾	Fund	6½% 1985-87	56¾	-¼	11.530	13.802
87⅞	60⅞	Treas	7¾% 1985-88	60⅞	-¼	12.846	14.542
54⅞	37⅞	Trans	3% 1978-88	37⅞	-¼	8.061	12.777
69⅞	45	Treas	5% 1986-89	46⅛	-¼	11.269	13.880
90⅞	61¼	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	61¼	-¼	13.809	14.946
72⅞	47⅞	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	48½	-¼	12.514	14.376
72½	44¼	Fund	6% 1993	44¼	●-¼	13.438	14.735
95½	62¾	Treas	9% 1994	62¾	-¼	15.062	15.565
52	29½	Redmptn	3% 1986-96	29½	..	10.588	12.806
47⅛	28⅛	Gas	3% 1990-95	28⅛	-¼	10.733	13.291
94½	86⅝	Treas	12½% 1995	90⅝	..	14.537	14.740
98⅞	58⅜	Treas	9% 1992-96	58⅜	●-¼	15.298	15.707
75¼	46½	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	46½	●-¼	15.192	15.737
94⅞	56⅜	Treas	8¾% 1997	56⅜	●-¼	15.349	15.723
98⅛	62⅞	Treas	9½% 1999	62⅞	-¼	15.471	15.702
43¾	25⅞	Fund	3½% 1999-04	25⅞	-¼	14.064	14.703
85¼	53⅞	Treas	8% 2002-06	53⅞	-¼	15.890	15.988
61⅞	34⅞	Treas	5½% 2008-12	34⅞	●-¼	15.747	15.841
79⅞	48⅞	Treas	7¾% 2012-15	48⅞	-¼	16.039	16.053
40⅝	24⅞	Consols	4%	24⅞	-¼	16.305	..
36⅞	22⅞	War Ln	3½%	22⅞	-¼	16.018	..
37	21⅞	Conv	3½%	21⅞	-¼	16.082	..
31½	19⅛	Treas	3%	19⅛	-¼	16.334	..
25⅞	15⅞	Consols	2½%	15⅞	..	16.294	..
26⅞	15⅞	Treas.	2½% Aft 75	15⅞	..	16.364	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

1973/74 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
95¼	85¾	Aust	5½% 70-75	94¾	.	2.864	12.399
88½	73¾	Aust	5½% 76-78	78	-¼	7.221	14.051
82½	67¾	Aust	5½% 77-80	68	-¼	8.152	14.446
75¼	59	Aust	5½% 81-82	61¼	-½	9.195	14.360
72¾	50	Aust	6% 81-83	59	-¼	10.376	14.376
92½	81	Aust	6% 74-76	89½	..	6.933	13.431
88½	67¾	Aust	7% 79-81	68	●-¼	10.253	14.283
90	90	Berlin	4½% Ass	90	..		
95¼	87	Ceylon	4% 73-75	94	● ..	4.242	12.854
94	90	Chilean Mixed		94	..	..	..
74¼	52½	E Africa	5¾% 77-83	52½	..	10.932	15.968
197	189	German	4½% 1930	190	..	..	..
38	23	Hungary	4½% 1924	23	..	..	..
88½	65½	Ireland	7¾% 81-83	65½	-½		
93¾	72½	Jamaica	7¾% 77-79	72½	.	10.627	15.384
109	85	Japan Ass	4% 1910	101	-2	..	..
77	52	Japan	6% 83-88	52	..	..	..
73¾	52½	Kenya	5% 78-82	52¾	..	9.410	16.077
85¼	66	Malaya	7¾% 78-82	68½	..	11.276	14.830
85¼	67¾	N Z	6% 76-80	68¾	..	8.695	14.313
97⅞	85½	N Z	6% 75-76	89	●-¼	6.710	12.453
79⅛	50½	N Z	7½% 88-92	51	..	14.437	15.597
85½	60½	N Z	7½% 83-86	61¼	-¼	12.470	14.737
75¾	68	N Rhd	6% 78-81	80	..	8.754	13.489
75¾	66	Nyasa	6% 78-81	67½	-½	8.945	13.963

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

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1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div pence	Yld %	P/E
262	90	AAH	90	●-7	11.6	12.9*	4.7
140	60	AB Electronic	60	..	8.8	9.7	4.8
52	37	AC Cars	43	..	1.7	3.8	10.8
118¼	45	AD Intl	45	-1	3.2	7.1*	5.8

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THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS

500 jobs saved Chrysler t strikes leave 000 still idle

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0 toolroom men in the Coventry factories are already imposing a strict overtime ban and other working restrictions. Past experience has shown that such action can *quickly affect engine production,* and in turn all of Chrysler's vehicle assembly operations.

Production was halted yesterday at the Alvis factory in Coventry—British Leyland's military vehicle division—because of a strike by 82 inspectors over a pay dispute. The plant's 1,500 production workers are laid off.

In Scotland, the British Leyland truck and tractor plant at *Bathgate, West Lothian, is still* at a standstill for the third week running because of a stoppage by 450 clerical workers. Another 4,500 production workers there have been laid off.

One-day stoppage: About 1,500 production workers at the Dunlop rubber factory at Speke, Liverpool, staged a one-day token strike yesterday in support of a claim for a shorter working week of 36 hours—four *fewer than at present.*

The men have decided to stay out each Monday until their demand is met. A spokesman for Dunlop said the company had contacted the national officers of the Transport and General Workers Union, asking for a meeting.

New deal accepted: More than 8,500 shopfloor workers at British Leyland's five bus and truck factories at Chorley and *Leyland, Lancashire, yesterday* voted to accept a new deal which will put them in the top flight within the British Leyland empire.

At a meeting they said farewell to the traditional piecework system of payment in favour of accepting measured day-working and a restructuring of payments.

In exchange for acceptance of the deal, all the workers will receive a lump sum payment of £52 in their wage packets next week, plus another £52 at Christmas on top of the 8 per cent across the board rise already negotiated.

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lonty Finniston, the BSC *n, said that the plant,* should start in 1977 with 00 tonnes annual capa- is being reconsidered.

In a letter to Mr Edward Taylor, Conservative spokesman on Scottish development and industry, Dr Finniston said the proposal was being reconsidered *to assess the desirability of* doubling the size of the plant in view of current and forecast shortages of ferrous scrap.

Mr Taylor commented: "*While I would welcome a* larger plant in principle, my fear is that technical work might result in the plant slipping considerably in the investment timetable and perhaps even disappearing from the 1970s plans."

He said there had been rumours that the project was *being reconsidered* because of the magnitude of the north of England steel development plans, and *disagreement with* ministers over the closure of other open-hearth steel plants.

TUC talks on Sheerness. Meetings within the TUC this week *may end the strike which has* closed the private sector steelworks of Sheerness Steel in the Isle of Sheppey, Kent.

Ninety-five craftsmen and craft assistants have been on strike at the plant since July 10 over what the company sees as an inter-union dispute.

The men say they are seeking recognition for the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and the Electrical and *Plumbing Trades Union* and the Boilermakers' Amalgamation, and that the dispute is with the management and therefore constitutional.

The company finally laid off the entire labour force of 560 after the strikers had ignored a TUC *ruling* to *resume* work.

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WAGE RATES

The following are the index numbers for basic rates of wages for all manual workers in all industries and services and for average earnings of all employees in all industries and services in Great Britain covered by the monthly earnings inquiry, as released by the Department of Employment.

	Hourly rates July 31* (1972 = 100)	Average earnings (Jan '70 = 100)	% change over 3 months at annual rate
1973			
July	116.0	154.0	21.8
Aug	119.7	154.0	12.6
Sept	120.0	156.4	12.4
Oct	120.3	156.2	12.6
Nov	121.0	160.3	12.5
Dec	122.0	161.4	12.9
1974			
Jan	123.7	154.1+	9.9+
Feb	124.7	156.8+	8.5+
March	126.4	164.3	6.8+
April	127.0	164.7	30.2+
May	130.8	169.6	35.9+
June	135.1p	175.9p	31.1p
July	137.3	NA	NA

* Not seasonally adjusted.

\+ These figures reflect the abnormal reduction in earnings during January, 1974 because of three-day working.

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Societies' interest rates still in doubt

By Margaret Stone

Building society interest *rates are still very much in the* melting pot despite the recent improvement in building societies' supply of home loan funds, Mr Leonard Boyle, *chairman of the Building Societies Association says.*

He gives this warning in the latest issue of *Building Society Affairs*, published yesterday.

The future of building society interest *rates* depends on such indirect factors as international rates, the state of the pound and the balance of *payments.*

But, Mr Boyle says "All one can be sure about is that before long, by one means or another, a wider differential *must be obtained between the* investment and the lending rate."

It is quite likely, he suggests, that the time may soon *arrive when low-start schemes* have to be implemented under which the purchaser is not called upon to pay all of the interest due on his mortgage during the *early* years. His mortgage debt and monthly repayment would, however, be *increased later on.*

Index-linking is a more radical *solution which is currently* being examined. On the credit side it *would* be more equitable towards the investor and the initial cost to the borrower *in the early years would be less.*

On the debit side, however, the recalculated mortgage repayment could increase at a faster rate than earnings and it *would be difficult to select the* right index. Using the retail price index could result over the short term in mortgage debts rising at a faster rate *than the value of houses.*

A more fundamental criticism of index-linking, however, is that the acknowledgment of inflation could weaken the Government's *will to cure* it.

The index-linking of mortgages, *Mr Boyle says,* "is a complicated business and one hopes that it will never be required but it would seem prudent to have such a scheme *ready against* a period of hyper-inflation or even to be used defensively".

Examining the other options open to the Government and *building societies, Mr Boyle* declares that a case can be made out for transferring subsidy from council housing to home-ownership for lower paid *workers which would not only* be less expensive but "coincide with what most families really want—a home of their own".

For their part the building societies are, in conjunction with the Bank of England, investigating the *possibility* of attracting institutional funds into the building society movement.

This would be a radical *departure, Mr Boyle continues.* The period and the volume of such loans would be crucial, but the problems could probably be overcome if institutional money were taken in on a continuing basis and not just at times when personal savings were in short supply.

Kuwait reaffirms investment policy

Kuwait, Aug 19.—A meeting of the Kuwait Cabinet today discussed a report by Mr Abdel-Rahman al-Atiqi, the Finance and Oil Minister, on the state's economic situation and investment abroad, but no details were made public.

Mr al-Atiqi said after the meeting that Kuwait would invest its surplus oil reserves wherever *that country's interests* were best served against firm sureties in sister Arab states and friendly countries.

Asked about recent reports of *huge Kuwaiti investments in* the United States and Britain, he repeated the government would seek the most profitable avenues of investment against adequate guarantees.—Reuter.

Wall St inflation fears reflected in 50pt fall since new Presidency

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Aug 19

Share prices in the United States are now taking the sort of nose-dive that not even hardened Wall Street brokers, used to months of falling values, are *accustomed to. Shares on the* New York Stock Exchange fell today for their eighth consecutive session.

At noon the Dow Jones *industrial average was closed 9.70* down at 721.84—a fall of more than 50 points since President Ford was sworn into office.

The Argus Research Organization said today: "The stock market collapsed with a vengeance in the wake of the real*ization that there are no easy* answers to the inflation problem plaguing the world in *general, and the United States* in particular."

This is part of the reason for the decline, but other significant factors are the war in Cyprus; fears that contrary to Administration statements consumer prices are going to be even higher this quarter than they were in the second *quarter; the start of a coal* strike, and—most significantly—that there is no evidence so far of any real change in economic policies between the Nixon and Ford Administrations.

On this latter point even Dr Paul McCracken, former chair*man of the Council of Economic* Advisers and for some time a close adviser of the new President, said in a United States News and World Report inter*view today: "The main differ*ence is the personal attention the President is going to give to these problems (inflation and the economy in general), rather *than any major change of* philosophy."

Stock market experts believe that the President's call for a "domestic summit meeting on *the economy*" will be *no more* than a public relations exercise.

Even Dr McCracken admits that the President's plan to establish a council to monitor *but not control prices and wages* "could make some marginal difference, but not much".

The coal strike is a new depressing factor which could have a deep impact on the economy. Some 80,000 miners started a five-day strike today—as a move, the United Mineworkers' Union admitted, to *bolster the union's bargaining* position in major wage negotiations starting shortly. Some 1,200 pits have been closed by today's action.

Wage contracts in the coal industry expire on November 12, and a protracted strike may *then take place. The strike this* week is likely, experts said today, to reduce output by 12.5 million tons.

The strike, if followed by even a fairly short strike in November, could, according to the latest economic report by the Manufacturers Hanover Trust, "force the nation's steel and electric power industries to grind to a halt, seriously impeding economic activity, to say the least".

Despite all the talk here in Washington, there is nothing to encourage *market operators* that even progress is being made to hold the current year's budget to the $300,000m (about £129,000m) level that President *Ford has announced.*

Dr McCracken admitted today that to achieve this budget target "absolutely Draconian efforts" would be needed.

Even on the corporate news side there is now little to encourage the market.

The market *was hit hard* today with a highly negative report on one of the favourite stocks, Xerox Corporation, by Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner *and Smith.*

The largest United States brokerage company is sceptical about Xerox's future growth, suggesting that its sales are likely to slow and noting that the copying market is becoming increasingly saturated. It *advises Xerox holders to sell,* despite the fact that the stock has fallen from $127 to $85. It closed at $78¾, a fall of $6⅝.

In some quarters of Wall *Street there are fears about the* social and political consequences of prolonged inflation at current levels.

On this subject Dr McCracken *is also deeply worried, and he* said today: "We are seeing the question openly discussed as to whether democracy can survive in a country like Great Britain. Now, *think of that—the country* we've always looked to as the model of political stability!"

Manufacturers Hanover may take over Franklin

Washington, Aug 19.—Franklin National Bank, which *recently ran into heavy trouble* as a result of large foreign exchange losses, may be taken over by Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co, according to *unconfirmed reports in The Money Manager*, a weekly New York newspaper.

Officials at both Manufacturers Hanover and Franklin National refused to confirm the report, and a spokesman for Franklin added: "We are not a party to any merger or acquisition discussion. There is no deal."

Mr Justin Watson, Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, also stated *today that he was* not aware of any planned takeover. He added that he thought the "Franklin situation has stabilized right now."

In spite of these statements the newspaper report is being *taken seriously by experts in* New York, who point to the strong commercial logic in such a takeover. Under the scheme as reported, Manufacturers Hanover would close down Franklin's New York headquarters and prune its branches severely, restricting it chiefly to those areas where the banks' operations do not conflict.

The two institutions have a long record of involvement with each other. Manufacturers Hanover used to be the principal correspondent in New York for Franklin before that bank *moved* into the city from the suburbs, and lent Franklin $38m (over £16m) just before its heavy losses became apparent.

Japan ending price controls

Tokyo, Aug 19.—The Ministry of International Trade and Industry decided today *to end* semi-mandatory retail price controls on consumer goods imposed on March 16 and to rely on voluntary curbs by big *stores and supermarket chains.*

The controls will be lifted from September 1 because of an easing of supply and demand in food and clothing.

Controls were imposed at the time along with a virtual freeze of wholesale prices on key in*dustrial and consumer products* because of the oil crisis.—AP-Dow Jones.

Resumption on Merseyside

The port of Liverpool is being *gradually* brought back to nor*mal with the return yesterday* of the 300 cargo handling maintenance engineers employed by the *Mersey Docks & Harbour* Co after a nine-week unofficial strike.

They had been claiming an extra £7 but went back after accepting a *lump sum of £50* a man and a promise of a new wage agreement from October 7. The engineers at once started to maintain and refuel equip*ment which had been gradu*ally run down in the early stages of the strike.

Stockpiled sugar released for shops

By Hugh Clayton

Action by the *Government* came yesterday to ease the sugar shortage. A limited and *tightly-controlled release from* strategic holdings to shops was initiated.

Wholesalers who accept the state sugar will have to give *their suppliers a written state*ment that the stocks will go to the retail market for ultimate household use.

Industrial users will be *barred from this sugar, which* is to be pegged by the Government at a wholesale price of about 5p a lb. Much of it will be delivered to shops in hundredweight bags, but shopkeepers will be forbidden to sell it in bags that contain more than 7lb.

Regional officials of the Ministry of Agriculture have been told to check that none of the state sugar is diverted *away from the household mar*ket.

This means that industrial users will have to buy sugar on the world market at 8p a *pound or more. These high* levels will ultimately be reflected in claims to the Price Commission for higher prices on products like jam and soft *drinks.*

The ministry said yesterday that there was no hope of reopening the sugar extraction factory at Cupar, Fife, which was closed five years ago. It said that beet grown in Scotland had poor sugar content and transport problems were prohibitive.

Farmers who use molasses in livestock feeding were told yesterday that there was no *direct link* between its price and that of sugar on the world market.

Butter shortage: French farmers announced yesterday that *they were about to start a big* export drive to sell butter in Britain at a retail price of 20p or 21p a pound. Butter output in Britain has been sharply *cut because of rising demand* for dairy products coinciding with reductions in herds.

UDS provision for loss 'likely to be inadequate'

Shareholders of the United Drapery Stores group were warned at yesterday's annual meeting that the £500,000 pro*vision previously made against* possible losses on the group's £5m loan to London & County Securities is likely to prove inadequate.

Mr Bernard Lyons, the chairman, said the full liability might not be known for two years. Any further provision would be met from reserves.

L & C, whose crash last November precipitated the fringe banking crisis, operated branch banks at UDS stores, and UDS therefore joined the *institutional consortium* established to ensure that depositors were safeguarded.

Mr Lyons said that UDS's half-year figures showed a slight rise in sales and a fall in profits. He added that the resignation of Mr Carl Sandler as deputy managing director last week reflected his desire to concentrate on his outside interests. There had been no policy disagreement.

Herr Schmidt predicts 5-nation supervision of Euromoney market

By Business News Staff

Herr Helmut Schmidt, the *West German Chancellor, has* forecast imminent agreement between governments and central bankers to supervise the Eurocurrency markets.

In an interview with *Der Spiegel* magazine, he said he expected detailed agreement *between the finance ministers* of the United States, France, Britain, West Germany and Japan and the heads of their central banks on joint international control and banking supervision of the Eurocurrency markets "in the course of the *next few weeks*".

His remarks were greeted with some scepticism in banking circles, however. A Bank of England spokesman said he knew nothing of these details and thought Herr Schmidt was expressing *his* personal views.

Dr Otmar Emminger, vice-president of the German Federal Bank, also said he was not aware of any developments since the July meeting of central bankers in Basle.

Herr Schmidt rejected the idea that the sources of world*wide inflation, involving the* risk of worldwide collapse, were no longer controllable by national governments. *He said* it was not yet true and he was trying to convince heads of government that central banks should cooperate much more *closely than hitherto.*

He added that the Euromarkets lacked what any well organized credit system had: rules that the extent of credit given by a bank *must not* exceed a certain percentage of the amount to which its capital *was liable.*

Proposals were being developed for unified bank and credit supervision within the European Community after the *collapse of Herstatt Bank.* A possible method might be to give executive power to the Community's cooperation fund.

In commercial banking *circles it has been accepted for* some time that supervision of the Eurocurrency market is inevitable. Recently the lack of such supervision has been a *source of considerable* disenchantment with depositors, who, in some cases, have withdrawn their funds from the market altogether.

There is no universal agreement on what form the controls might take, but it is generally *believed that no attempt will* be made to set up an international regulatory authority.

A more likely alternative would be for each central bank to assume closer control over the banks of its own nationality.

This could mean that com*mercial banks would* be obliged to conform more strictly to agreed capital/deposit ratios—deposits of 10 or 12 times equity capital traditionally being regarded as appropriate. Banks would thus be forced to conduct their Eurocurrency *operations on an acceptable* scale.

Many banks already restrict themselves to operating within these limits, but some active in *the Eurocurrency markets,* particularly some of the consortia banks, have not shown such restraint.

The Bank of England is already believed to have expressed concern about this to a number of banks.

The main *source of worry* among bankers is that supervisory controls may entail depositing reserves with central banks.

However, it is thought the Bank of England might oppose such a move on the ground that the lack of reserve requirements has been one of the main *reasons* why London has emerged as the centre of the Eurocurrency markets.

German-Italian talks on finance open today

Bonn, Aug 19.—Signor Emilio Colombo, Italian Financial Minister and Signor Guido Carli, *President of the Bank of Italy,* are to meet here tomorrow with Dr Hans Apel, Finance Minister of West Germany and Dr Otmar Emminger, vice-president of the *German Federal Bank, the* Finance Ministry said.

It is said they will lay the groundwork for a meeting between Signor Mariano Rumor, the Italian Prime Minister and Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor. The talks are expected to take place in Italy around the end of August.

Dr Apel, Signor Colombo and the two central bankers are *expected to discuss Italy's anti*inflation efforts as well as general monetary questions.

The possibility of a standby credit to Italy from the *German Federal Bank is likely* to come up in the conversations, sources said. Such a credit would be made conditional on removal of Italy's import deposit programme and on more strenuous Italian anti-inflation efforts, it was understood.

The Italian Treasury Ministry said over the weekend that it plans to end import restrictions soon.

David Cross writes from Brussels: Reports from Rome that the Italian Government *would soon lift restrictions on* foreign trade were greeted with some surprise by EEC officials today. There were similar reactions to accompanying reports *that the Italians were now* interested in the floating of a substantial Community loan to help them and other EEC member states with their balance *of payments difficulties.*

Since the Italians introduced *their 50 per cent import deposit* scheme in May, pressure on them to liberalize imports from the rest of the Community has eased. Their agreement in June *to reduce the coverage of the* restrictions to exclude most agricultural products was an important element in this slackening of pressure.

An abolition of the import deposit scheme of the remaining 30 or so per cent of trade still covered would be very much welcomed in Brussels.

If the Italians are thinking of fully liberalizing their trade *with the rest of the Community* in return for aid out of a special EEC loan, as the reports suggested, this would represent a considerable change of heart.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 80.11 −3.28
F.T. index: 199.8 −10.5

Rises

Atlantic Assets	3p to 43p	Inchcape	3p to 203p
Barr & Wallace	5p to 30p	Royal	8p to 166p
Cronite Grp	1p to 14p	Rowton Hotels	8p to 43p
First Nat Fin	1p to 10p	Sun Alliance	3p to 200p
Foster, H.	4p to 106p	Trianco	½p to 3½p
Guthrie Corp	3p to 182p	Vavasseur	2p to 9p
IDC Group	3p to 58p	Wagon Fin	2½p to 20½p

Falls

Bibby, J.	11p to 42p	Maynards	15p to 170p
Bk of NSW	25p to 370p	Midland	15p to 170p
Broken Hill	30p to 420p	Needlers	3p to 11p
Brit Sugar	17p to 208p	Taylor Woodrow	13p to 126p
Estate Duties	20p to 185p	UK Props	2p to 10p
Hawtin	1p to 5½p	Vaux	13p to 143p
Lane Fox	15p to 50p	Wilkins & Mit	11p to 35p

Equities suffered a further low.

Gilt-edged securities were easier.

Sterling fell by 140 points to $2.3250 yesterday.

Gold rose by $1½ to $156 yesterday

SDR-$ was 1.8837 on Monday while SDR-£ was 0.510666.

Commodities: Reuters' commodity index rose by 4.9 points to 1,270.1 yesterday.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.63	1.58
Austria Sch	44.50	42.50
Belgium Fr	95.25	92.50
Canada $	2.33	2.28
Denmark Kr	14.45	14.05
Finland Mkk	8.90	8.65
France Fr	11.40	11.10
Germany DM	6.25	6.05
Greece Dr	72.00	69.75
Hongkong $	12.05	11.70
Italy Lr	1,620.00	1,570.00
Japan Yn	735.00	710.00
Netherlands Gld	6.35	6.15
Norway Kr	13.10	12.75
Portugal Esc	62.75	58.75
S Africa Rd	1.94	1.86
Spain Pes	134.00	130.00
Sweden Kr	10.55	10.25
Switzerland Fr	7.15	6.90
US $	2.37	2.32
Yugoslavia Dnr	37.00	35.00

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

On other pages

French ease capital investment curbs

Paris, Aug 19.—Regulations governing investments by French residents abroad or foreign investors in France have been relaxed to allow transactions up to specific amounts without prior official authorization, the *Official Journal* states today.

In the case of French investments abroad, transactions concerning purchase or sale of interests may be made for up to a total of 1m francs (about £84,000) a year for each foreign company affected by the investment.

French investors may conduct a number of operations affecting separate foreign firms without prior authorization, providing the individual amounts concerned do not exceed the stipulated figure. However, total investment by French interests in a foreign firm cannot exceed 1m francs without *prior French authorization.*

Regarding foreign investments in France the total amount of the investment must not exceed 2m francs per annum per French firm affected if prior authorization is to be waived.

Foreign investors are able to conduct a *number of such* operations concerning different firms but individual French firms remain subject to the 2m franc limit.

The ruling governing foreign investments in France is restricted to a specific list of transactions. In addition, such investments must be financed through sale of foreign currencies or through use of a non-resident bank account.

Cold weather puts corn harvest a week behind

Cold weather and rain has put Britain's corn harvest about a week behind, according to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly crop report.

Some deterioration in the quality of wheat and blackening of ears has been reported from the South-west, South-east and East of England.

The winter barley harvest is practically complete and should show an average yield. But with the spring barley harvest delayed by rain there are reports of damage by lodging and secondary growth.

Delay could also mean that some spring barley crops could come to harvest at the same time as winter wheat, causing peak time work for farmers.

In the upland and hill areas of the South-west and Wales, hay-making continues to be difficult and prolonged. "The quantity of hay available next winter will be below average and quality is low

Shortage of diesel engine parts opens way for truck importers

By Clifford Webb

A serious shortage of diesel engine pistons and rings is restricting production of commercial vehicles at a time when British motor manufacturers are attempting to stave off the *biggest-ever "invasion" of their* home market by imported trucks.

These imports have expanded by 50 per cent in the past six months.

The shortage is so acute that these components are being imported from Germany, *France,* Brazil, Mexico and the United States. Purchase teams are also trying to negotiate supplies from Eastern Europe and Japan.

Mr Ron Ellis, managing director of British Leyland's truck and bus division, told Business *News : "The piston situation is* quite desperate. It is causing a bottleneck in diesel engine assembly which in turn restricts the number of trucks we can produce.

"We are losing sales to imported trucks simply because we cannot deliver the goods. I am bringing in some piston supplies from Germany, but not enough to fill the gap."

A spokesman for Perkins, the big Peterborough diesel engine manufacturer, said last night: "*We are desperately short of* pistons and rings, with pistons the more critical of the two. This is holding up production of some types of engines.

"We are now importing pistons from Brazil and France and rings from France, Mexico and *the United States. We are* actively developing additional sources in Germany and the United States and investigating the potential in Poland and Japan."

Associated Engineering — through its Wellworthy *subsidiary—had a near monopoly* of diesel piston and ring supplies in the United Kingdom until the present shortage.

Truck manufacturers said last night that AE was unlikely ever again to be in such a dominant position because overseas suppliers now filling the gap would expect to retain at least a minority share of their piston supplies.

Mr Colin Hepworth, chief executive of AE, said last night that since 1972 world diesel engine production had exceeded industry forecasts. British output of components had not kept pace with this boom, mainly because of labour shortages

Wellworthy production was being increased by using capacity which had become avail*able as a result of reduced car* output. In addition, a new aluminium foundry in Waterford, in the Irish Republic, was coming on stream.

Mr Hepworth said that Wellworthy had turned down "a number of valuable export *orders" to maintain the highest* possible level of supplies to existing companies.

As reported in Business News on August 1, truck manufacturers are also suffering from a serious shortage of heavy duty tyres.

Uniroyal sells UK tyre outlets for £1.5m cash

By Clifford Webb

Uniroyal, the American tyre and rubber group, are pulling out of the United Kingdom retail tyre market. The company announced last night that they are selling their 61 retail tyre outlets to Associated Tyre Specialists, the Michelin subsidiary, for £1.5m in cash.

The deal will increase ATS's retail chain to 330, making it the second biggest in the country, ahead of Goodyear. *Dunlop* are still the market leaders, with around 470 outlets

The Uniroyal move had been *expected for some time. There* have been a number of reports that the group was becoming dissatisfied with the performance of its British tyre stores.

It is thought they would like to switch the investment *to a more profitable venture.* Against a background of depressed tyre sales such a move has much to commend it.

Nevertheless, the sale of an entire chain is an important departure for a tyre manufacturer and completely against the trend of recent years, which has seen tyre companies battling to obtain direct control of the replacement market.

Although all manufacturers *sell rival products in their retail* outlets they place special emphasis on their own brands by offering bigger discounts.

Mr Derek Peaker, deputy managing director of ATS, said last night: "This will substantially increase our share of the retail market and is in line with our policy of continued expansion."

Iran contract for Union Carbide

Teheran, Aug 19.—Iran National Petrochemical Co today signed a letter of agreement with Union Carbide of the United States under which Union Carbide will carry out feasibility studies on establishing a $700m (about £300m) petrochemical complex in Iran.

The letter of understanding also provides that Iran can buy 20 per cent share interest in Union Carbide Caribe, a subsidiary of the Union Carbide Corporation. Union Carbide Caribe operates a large petrochemical plant in Puerto Rico, and NIPC will supply this plant with 40,000 to 50,000 barrels a day of hydrocarbon feed stock required for its operation.

BP platform set in Forties field

British Petroleum has successfully lowered the second platform for its Forties North Sea oilfield onto the seabed. The 23,000 ton steel jacket Highland One was upended yesterday and the job of piling the structure into the seabed will begin shortly.

Once the piling has been completed, the two giant floating cranes carrying out the work will be moved to install the deck and processing platforms onto the Graythorpe One platform. Drilling production wells from both platforms is expected to begin early in the winter.

Motor trade turnover up 11 pc in June quarter

By Edward Townsend

Britain's motor dealers and garage owners are experiencing some recovery in trade since the period of depressed sales noted at the start of the year.

According to figures released yesterday by the Department of Industry, total turnover in the motor trades in the second quarter of the year was 11 per cent up on the same period of 1973.

Sales of new vehicles in the three months to the end of June, however, were only 4 per cent higher than a year earlier while used vehicles sales rose by just 2 per cent.

The increased turnover came from sales and receipts of other items, including petrol, oil, tyres, spares and accessories, servicing and repairs. These pushed the total up by 22 per cent, mainly reflecting the higher cost of petrol and oil.

Greenwells see recession as almost inevitable

"A serious recession now *almost inevitable." This was the* main conclusion of yesterday's *Monetary Bulletin,* published by W. Greenwell & Co, the respected firm of stockbrokers.

Greenwell argues that the sharp increase in the money supply in August was attribut*able to special factors and does* not foreshadow a change in monetary policy.

The bulletin was also critical of the Bank of England's policy of giltedged sales. It pointed out that the public sector was *currently borrowing* considerably more than it needs from the private sector. In this way it was "preempting finance that is desperately needed by the private sector itself".

BAT subsidiary invests in Brazil pulp mill project

British American Tobacco's *Brazilian subsidiary is to have* a major stake, possibly rising to almost a third, in what will be the world's largest pulp mill.

A total investment of $340m (about £142m) is planned and the development, which will provide 2,000 jobs, includes the mill, a residential village, roads, harbour and water facilities on a site in Espirito Santo, 250 miles north of Rio de Janeiro.

Annual output is expected to be about 400,000 tons when the mill is in full operation early in 1977, and should yield receipts, according to BAT, of $140m a year.

A forest of 80 million eucalyptus trees within a radius of 20 miles of the proposed mill will be used as raw material.

Business appointments

Sir Denys's successor at Trust and Agency

Mr G. L. C. Touche has been appointed chairman of **Trust and Agency Co of Australia,** in succession to Sir Denys Lowson who has retired from the board. The board has asked Touche Remnant to undertake the management and administration of the company subject to contract.

Mr H. W. A. Francis, vice-chairman of **Tarmac** and chief executive of the group's construction activities, will become the company's managing director (operations) on September 2. He will remain vice-chairman.

Mr R. H. Butler, at present director of Docks, **Port of London Authority,** becomes docks adviser, with special responsibility for advising on operational improvements until his retirement at the end of March 1975. Mr John Black becomes director of Tilbury while continuing his association with the Maplin Seaport. Mr John McNab, at present managing director of PLA (Thames) Stevedoring, becomes *director of Upper Docks.*

Mr Noel Ordman, will be assistant director-general with responsibility for Maplin Seaport. Mr Frank Robinson, at present commercial manager, Maplin, becomes manager of the Maplin Unit, responsible to Mr Ordman. Mr P. G. Hutchon, at present director of *Planning,* becomes *planning adviser.*

Mr S. T. Graham, a chief general manager of Midland Bank, is elected chairman of **Midland Bank Insurance Services** in place of Mr C. E. Trott, who has retired from the board. Mr G. W. Taylor, an assistant chief general manager, and Mr D. W. C. Kitching, a general manager of Midland Bank, have become directors of Midland Bank Insurance Services.

Mr Robert H. Ramsay, former assistant vice-president, has been elected vice-president at the London branch of **Security Pacific Bank.**

Mr Peter Creighton has been appointed a director of **Dimplex Industries.**

Mr John Swanborough, managing director of Avon, and Mr Alan Craig have been appointed as additional directors of **RFD Group.**

Mr Keith Summersgill, director of the British Gas Corporation's international consultancy service, has been appointed by the corporation as deputy chairman of its east Midlands region "Emgas".

Sir Anthony Percival has been named chairman of **Fisheries Development,** a member of the Arbuthnot Latham Group.

Mr J. E. Engledew has been made managing director of **Racal Slough Ltd.** He succeeds Mr D. A. Webb who was recently promoted deputy chairman.

Mr R. A. Gibb is now marketing director of **Barry Staines.**

Mr S. F. Buckland has joined **Bank of America International** as a senior manager in charge of money operations.

Mr T. W. Hudson has been appointed chief executive of **Hampton Trust.**

Señor Antonio Araujo has been appointed managing director of **Turavia International Holidays.**

Mr Charles E. Williams has been named as **First National City Bank's** representative in Norway.

Mr David Scobie, a director of **Rentokil** and formerly general manager of the firm's woodworm and dry rot division in Scotland, has become director in charge of the division's services throughout the United Kingdom.

Two new board appointments announced by **Kings Town Engraving Co** are: Mr D. Everett as works director, litho division; and Mr R. T. Parker, works director, letterpress.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Historic movement among engineering institutions

From F. A. Sharman

Sir, News is filtering out of historic moves by the three "*big*" *engineering institutions.* At long last the talk is of forming a single body, in which all engineers would enroll, and which through the medium of the present learned societies and other bodies would ensure that all the needs of the in*dividual in his professional* capacity would be met.

Clearly this could be an enormous advantage for the engineers themselves. Instead of 15 different chartered institutions (civil, electrical, mechanical, chemical and so on), *loosely bound together by the* Council of Engineering Institutions, partially, obscurely and fragmentarily representing perhaps 230,000 individuals whose minimum qualification is equivalent to a university degree, there could be one great, strong, rich cooperative enterprise, comprehending up to 500,000 people on whose careers the whole of British engineering rests.

The benefits of size and recognizable identity can soon be seen by the potential members to be overwhelmingly greater than *the difficulties of adjust*ment within the protecting skirts of this long overdue treaty of fraternity.

Can the same enthusiasm be expected from outside the profession? "Employers" equally *with trade unions* will look suspiciously at so potentially strong an entity. To the man in the street, it would seem that yet another power base is about to appear, another conspiracy against the laity, another pressure group from which technologists *can ensure that tech*nology works for their own benefit. Even if all these suspicions are entirely groundless, it will seem in many people's interests to magnify them.

The key to the whole situation is the credibility of profes*sional motivation. If it is not* believed that engineers feel a loyalty towards the excellence, public usefulness and safety of what they produce, they will be degraded into the soulless slaves of the money market that many people already believe them to be. A better prospect is in sight, and if the profession is seen to be rising to the occasion, it will deserve the sympathy of the public and the active help of the Government.

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The only crime of small banks

From Mr Brian D. Watters

Sir, It would seem from Ian Morison's concluding article in his survey of financial institutions (Aug 6) that while he defends the existence of small institutions in the banking field, he supports the view that they should not be "graced" with the title of bank. Surely he does not accept that the competence and proper prudence, which should attach itself to bankers, declines in proportion to the size of the banks' capital and reserves.

The only crime committed by the vast majority of our small banks is that of being small, and because of this they find themselves grouped under the same umbrella as the foreign exchange gamblers and high risk lenders of the Bankhaus ID Herstatt and Franklin National ilk.

The Bank of England has granted the authority to some institutions to trade as "full" banks, and as such these banks are required to adhere to banking controls, such as capital/deposit ratios and reserve requirements.

These banks, regardless of size, are also required and trusted to enforce exchange control regulations on their customers and to put into practice any directive from the Bank of England on credit control.

If an institution, however small, is expected to act under the direction of the central bank in times of plenty, it can and does expect the central bank to fulfil its role, either directly or indirectly, as the "lender of the last resort" in times of scarcity.

BRIAN D. WATTERS,
Woking, Surrey.

Where are our manufacturers ?

From Mr K. Dawson

Sir, On return from a short shopping expedition last Saturday, conducted in that most English of townships, Watford, my wife and I were staggered to discover that a list of our purchases, bought completely at random, read as follows:

Item	Country of Manufacture
1 shirt	Holland
1 pair man's trousers	Holland
1 pair jeans	Portugal
1 belt	Canada
1 pair shoes	Spain
1 pair sandals	France
1 pair sandals	Italy
1 pair plimsolls	Pakistan

This may not be a record although one may be entitled to hope that it is in the light of the country's adverse balance of trade situation. It is pertinent to ask however, what our domestic manufacturers are up to, neglecting on this evidence what I would have assumed to be a large and easy home market in basic consumer goods.

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Intolerable daily fumigation

From Dr Ronald J. Hill

Sir, It is highly reassuring to learn that ICI and Imperial Tobacco are devoting so much effort towards making cigarette smoking less harmful to those who indulge. How many resources are they devoting to the production of a smoking mixture or substitute which is not harmful or unpleasant to those of us who find the constant fumigation of daily existence intolerable?

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Reasons why shops won't show VAT cuts

From Mr M. J. Oakley

Sir, Your reporter Diana Gedd today complains that shops "still" show little of VAT cuts, and obviously pects them to do so shor They will not, and for very reasons.

1. The overwhelming bulk shop goods are already at below the manufacture recommended prices. Retaile are under no further obliga whatever to cut, or even maintain, the price of any ticular items on which the is reduced an odd halfpen other than the penal sancti directed at anyone who attem to improve his livelihood in face of inflation.

2. VAT has imposed upon distributive trade hours of work, yet increasing profits compensate has been speci ally prohibited. Perhaps Geddes, who appears to checked only a handful of in a week, would like to changing millions of tickets overnight, without muneration, after already ing a normal day. If retail possessed anything even re bling a trade union (as dis from that self-appointed fr the Retail Consortium), no situation would be tolerated.

3.—Some manufacturers concentrated their reduc onto a few lines, leaving majority unchanged. This very well, and some of actually managed to comm cate the details to their account customers in the days available. At the other of the scale there are small businesses whose source of manufacturers' re mended prices is the guide published once a mo and who otherwise know little about what such really are as the press public.

4.—Inflation of present proportions involves price creases of anything up to per cent at a time, but su the ferocious competition in grocery trade that it is weeks or months before creases on non-perishables effect. Many businesses will passing on the 2 per cent cut, or more, simply by lea things at the old price for extra week. It is unfortu that anyone running a wo while business will have no for accurate quantification this effect, or for long expla tions to people on the spot.

5. The imposition with warning of VAT on confecti ery earlier this year, coup with a shortage of packagi resulted in many items bear too low a price on their w *pers for several months.* No who valued his custom was to charge more than the pri price, and retailers will reg the latest alteration as a heav sent opportunity to recoup so of the legitimate profit of wh they had earlier been depri

I recall hearing Mr Heal fond expectation that 1½ of 2 per cent would be passed to the cost-of-living index. shows once again how little Government understand workings of the retail trad

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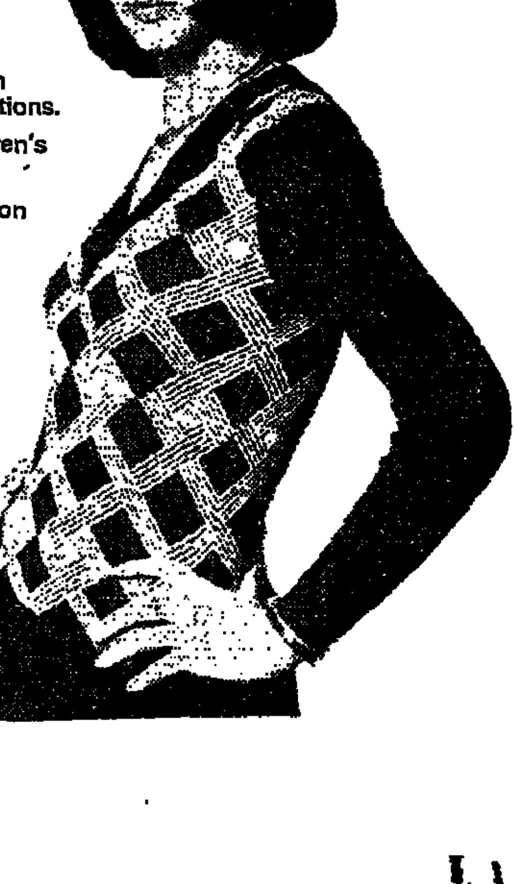

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Question mark over the Woolworth dividend

we are through the 200 'ell, what does it feel ie *short answer is* that ket is numb and in a virtual paralysis. While on the other hand, be eration to talk of equity now in a state of free clear that 200 is cur- ttle more than a fairly sychological resistance iost of the stronger re- points have long since sed for the main indices real worry at the is that leading shares l held up reasonably far this year are also to look bad on the

the point comes when t institutions say s enough is anybody's w. But until it comes ll faced with a scenario iuing small selling, de-jobbing and financial tters.

t reaction to the Wool- nterim statement was d more by the caution- struck as to whether *l dividend* would be ed rather than by the results. These, after for the awful first quar- pretax profits slumped er cent (with at least ibutable to the three- s), were not so horrify- nst the general retail

six months, then, we iolworth with a sales of 9.3 per cent and a *rofits falls of 28 per* addition to costs rising —largely wages and id the expectation of a ncrease in the second rest charges doubled to But this reflected the k level built up as a ainst supply shortages higher unit value of dise. Stocks should near the £71m mark ianuary, while liquidity eing helped by reduc- nnual store moderniza- ramme from the usual units to 55.

cantly, the group it is making progress *move into audio and* isure industry goods, for appreciably better progress than would n the *case if it* had re- vith its traditional low lassware and crockery. intended to open at catalogue stores within few months.

er the dividend, a pre- ome of £31m is re- To drop to this level ear Woolworth made a 24 per cent setback *e required in the clos-* months. One should, *make the point* that *parent requires* income *on balance, the odds in* of the present yield of cent being maintained favourable with the t 32½p.

1974/75 (1973/74)
ation £123m
09m (£191m)
rofits £10.4m (£14.5m)
gross 1.83p (1.75p)

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Property Corporation's to publish an adjusted heet showing the effect solidating Trizec Cor- its 66 per cent owned anadian subsidiary, is but not wholly ing. Trizec accounts for *cent of EPC's gross* nd is more highly han the rest of EPC. ome side of the coin, fall in the borrowing deconsolidation.

aside the convertible, gs as a percentage of operties fall from 70.1 er cent. However, the of the borrowings es not improve on de- tion. Out of total short owings of £102m, some ates to the non-Trizec of which £63m is in sterling according to the annual report. EPC had, of course, some *£90m of unused facilities* at the balance sheet date of which £29.2m appears to consist of cash balances outside Trizec. But there are no details about the £60m balance.

What EPC has not produced is a revenue account showing the effect of deconsolidating Trizec, or indeed the rest of EPC's overseas interests. It is well-nigh impossible to reconstruct a picture of United Kingdom cash flow from the latest accounts, yet without a clearer indication here, particularly in the light of spiralling interest rates since the last balance sheet date on October 31, it is hard to see the stock market's doubts disappearing overnight. In the meantime the shares stand at 40½p, up 1p on the day, where they reflect understandable *caution* about the possibility of Eagle Star's 20 per cent stake leading to a bid in the immediate future.

J. Bibby

Caught in the commodity spiral

The halving of J. Bibby's interim pre-tax profits and the forecast of an overall shortfall this year reflect the impact of record high prices in edible commodities. An exceptional write off below the line makes the position look much worse and the stock market, being in no mood to differentiate yesterday, allowed the shares to *fall 21 per cent to 42p.*

High world prices of cereals, oils and other commodities are hitting Bibby hard, both as a producer of animal feedstuffs and as a breeder in its own right. On the first score, the reduction in sales value, despite rising prices, tells its own story. The second factor is reflected in squeezed margins.

Egg producers (which includes Bibby) have found profit margins virtually non existent since selling prices fell and *feedstuff prices* rose. Feedstuff offtake suffered in consequence. The only crumb of comfort here is that chick plac*ings indicate that some* producers are pulling out and that should raise the egg price again towards the end of this year.

Meanwhile the cost of financing extra working capital has pushed Bibby's borrowings even higher despite the £9m realization from the sale of the grocery division to Buitoni and, in the present trading climate, Bibby's gearing looks uncomfortably high. The £2.4m Cip Zoo sale proceeds will help reduce it, though only slowly over a two-year period. It is a one off exceptional loss on Cip Zoo that mainly accounts for the *£488,000 deduction below the* line, leaving an attributable loss of £196,000.

The guessing game on Bibby's earnings this year is hardly worth playing given the stock market's wider preoccupations and the shares will need all the support they can get from a yield of around 15½ per cent and from Tiger Oats's 25 per cent stake.

Interim: 1973-74 (1972-73)
Capitalization £3.44m
Sales £63.6m (£67.5m)
Pre-tax profits £0.61m (£1.28m)
Dividend gross 2.09p (2.00p)

Beyer Peacock

An expensive three months

Whether Beyer Peacock's *figures for the* 15 months to March 31 provide enough ammunition for a further attempt at substantial boardroom representation by Moore Holdings remains to be seen. Meanwhile, the stock market was already taking a dim view of Beyer without the excitement of Moore's abortive attempt last June to remove the engineering group's five non-executive *directors with two nominated by* Moore, which has a 35 per cent equity stake.

Since then the shares have fallen 32 per cent to 15p and judging by Beyer's performance in the first three monhts of 1974 the decline is wholly justified on trading grounds. For having made a £61,000 profit for the 12 months to the end of December, Beyer finishes its 15 months to March 31 with a loss of £51,000, pointing to a loss in the final three months of £112,000.

To be fair, one does not have to look far for the reasons behind the setback at Beyer, where on top of the three-day week it had to cope with loss making contracts at Space Decks, severe losses on Richard Garrett's overseas operations and two special provisions—£65,000 for a possible bad debt from Ronald Lyon Construction and £50,000 from the closure of the loss-making Spanish operation.

With the £376,000 from the *rights issue earlier this year* and a host of remedial measures at the other trouble spots, Beyer reckons it has "substantial *scope for expansion*" and is currently trading profitably. What success it will ultimately have is a moot point, but if Moore is going to strike again, it will clearly have to be soon.

Accounts: 1972-74* (1972)
Capitalization £1.2m
Net assets £2.25m (£2.43m)
Borrowings £0.25m (£0.18m†)
Pre-tax loss £0.05m (£0.27m‡)
* *15 months*
† *net cash*
‡ *profit*

Pifco

Defensive qualities

Up 27½ per cent at the pre-tax level in the opening six months, Pifco has more than maintained the pace in the second half to produce a full year pre-tax advance of almost 36 per cent. True, the second half figure has benefited considerably from a sharp rise in investment income. But even at the trading level, Pifco shows acceleration in the second six months and that can only be rated as good going since it took in the impact of the three-day week.

Though it has done little to *prevent the Pifco share price* falling in line with the rest of the market, the historical defensive quality of Pifco as a consumer durable manufacturer has been its concentration on lower priced electrical items. And at this stage it seems that the pattern is going to be much the same as in previous downturns in consumer spending.

For the record, the historic p/e with the "A" at 32p is 3½ and the yield 9.6 per cent. In terms of balance sheet solidity, year end cash probably accounts for roughly half the market capitalization.

Final : 1973/74 (1972/73)
Capitalization £1.65m
Pre-tax profits £0.95m (£0.7m)
Earnings per share 9.27p (8.8p)
Dividend gross 3.07p (2.94p)

For every seller there is a buyer, as stockjobbers like to remind us at times like these. However, in the case of Hill Samuel, the major buyer of recent days has emerged as the not entirely unconnected Philip Hill Investment Trust, which has beefed up its stake from 17.5 to 17.9 per cent. Shades of the Pru, which decided in February to soak up much of the stock on offer in Keyser Ullmann, where it also was the major institutional shareholder. The trouble is that the intervening six months have seen such an indiscriminate erosion of confidence in financial institutions that attempts to buy shares in an out-of-favour company, or inject cash into it, have lost much of their power to impress.

David Blake looks at the background to Labour's nationalization plans

Aircraft industry outlook stays cloudy

The Labour Party plans for nationalization of the aircraft industry, announced today, are short and simple. They call for the merger of our two largest airframe manufacturers, BAC *and Hawker Siddeley, into* a new British National Aerospace Corporation. The rest of the industry, such as lesser airframe companies like Westland Aircraft (navy helicopters) Short Bros or Britten Norman, are excluded.

So, too, is the British aero engine business now entirely owned by the already nationalized Rolls-Royce which last year clocked up exports almost as large as those of the airframe manufacturers.

As well as spelling out the companies—far fewer than had generally been expected because of the exclusion of makers of *electronic equipment for the* aerospace business—the plans list the proposed terms of compensation for the companies to be nationalized.

These are undeniably tough. The report says that in the past compensation terms have tended *to be generous, but this would* be entirely wrong in the case of the aircraft business.

This is because, the report *argues, aircraft manufacturers* have received such big hand-outs from the state in the past (*a figure of £200m to BAC in* the past 10 years has been mentioned) that this should be taken in account in calculating any compensation.

In other words, if the Government paid the full market price for the assets of the aircraft companies, it will mean that the state is paying twice over for what it gets since most of these assets were built up with public support.

The argument for nationalizing the airframe manufacturers is fairly clear, though it will no doubt be resisted vigorously by the airframe makers. For the past five years, ever since Lord Plowden produced his report on the future of Britain's *aircraft makers, there has been* a general agreement on the part of outside aircraft observers about what is needed.

The necessary first step for any improvement in Britain's performance, so the argument goes, is for the grouping of the largest airframe manufacturers into one company, in just the same way that the two engine makers, Rolls-Royce and Bristol Siddeley, were induced to merge. This necessity for the creation of one airframe maker has been accepted as much by Conservative as by Labour governments.

Where the two parties disagree is in the means to achieve this. The Conservatives believe deeply in using market forces to encourage the two companies to get together without using overt government direction. Unfortunately during the three and a half years the Conservatives were in office neither BAC nor Hawker Siddeley showed any real interest in doing what other people advised them to do. Market forces, left to themselves, have failed to produce a rationalization.

But the Labour argument goes further than saying that *if the two companies are not* prepared to get together on a friendly basis then somebody should knock them together. No major civil airliner has been developed in this country without *our government support* since 1960, and military projects which depend entirely on government backing make up a large share of the industry's activities.

UK AIRFRAME COMPANIES
1973

Company	*Number employed (approx)*	*Turnover £million*
BAC	34,000	174
HSA/HSD	32,000	146
Shorts	5,400	28
Scottish	2,500	8
Fairey Britten Norman	200	n.a.
Westland	6,200	69

Because of this, it is argued, the only way to structure the *Government's involvement* with industry is to bring it within public ownership. This is basically a "tidying up" argu*ment for nationalization*. It depends not on any belief that state intervention is by its nature more efficient, but on *the belief that any supplier* who relies for 63 per cent of its sales on a single government purchaser might just as well *accept the fact that it is dependent* on that government, and come under its ownership.

But just because the state ownership of these concerns would involve so small a change in their current relationship with government, it can by itself *do very little to deal with* the underlying problems which the aircraft industry in this country faces.

Aircraft manufacturers all over the world have been faced with a steadily deteriorating situation in the past few years, and things are likely to get worse. The old idea that airlines trade in their jet planes every seven years to buy a new model has collapsed, under such circumstances as the problems of over capacity on the North Atlantic and the dramatic rise in fuel costs. Even such ultra-efficient makers as Boeing have had to drop their plans for new models like the 7X7 range which was designed to replace the world beating 707 and 747.

For the British industry, which has a small home market, a fragmented structure and has spent too long engrossed in delusions of grandeur the record has been worse. On the civil airliner front there has been a series of aircraft which came just too late, or were just too expensive to run and ended up being bought by BEA or BOAC and very few other people.

Of the current range of planes *in service with British Airways* for example, only the BAC One Eleven has had significant sales abroad and that was largely due *to production problems* holding up supplies of its American competitors.

Both the Trident and the *VC 10 have had minimal* sales outside this country. Even though the United Kingdom, as a potential nucleus for the Euro*pean aircraft industry, ought to* be in an advantageous position, 75 per cent of the European market for airliners is now sup*plied by the United States.* Even here in Britain, the share of the domestic market is below 40 per cent.

The reaction of the late 1960s towards this phenomenon was to argue that the problem was that the British market was too small and that the way ahead lay in European cooperation. This passion, which often was connected with slightly muddle-headed belief in the virtues of the Community, was not usually shared by the industry itself.

Nonetheless, the great major*ity of projects under* way at the moment do rely on European cooperation, if only because once a transnational project gets started, it is extremely difficult to cancel, as those who have been involved in Concorde realize very well.

Although the Labour spokesmen mentioned the need for full cooperation in Europe, the *report* does not give it the central position which previous studies have usually accorded it.

What the proposals studiously do not mention, and perhaps could not touch in view of the central role played in their plan*ning by unions involved in the* aircraft industry, is whether we need an aircraft industry at all, and if so what size it should be.

Although the report has a certain amount of detail on the creation of the British National Aerospace Corporation, it says *virtually nothing about what* should be done with it once it is formed. It is the realization that this, and not a purely tech*nical transfer of ownership* from private individuals to the state, which is the important question which probably lies behind Mr Benn's statement last week that the Government is a long way away from being able to put forward concrete proposals on the future of the industry.

Merseyside's tarnished image

When only a few short years ago the Port of Liverpool narrowly survived the financial collapse of its owners, *the old* Mersey Docks & Harbour Board, it was widely felt that one of the few good things that could be expected to come out of a pretty nasty siutation for everyone concerned was a determination not to repeat many of the mistakes and miscalculations of the past.

Among other things, the *Merseyside docks had acquired,* rightly or wrongly, an unenviable reputation for appalling labour troubles. In the intervening years the nature of the dockers' employment has continued to change, with fewer stevedoring companies employing permanent labour forces, a huge modernization of port facilities, and a much greater involvement in the direct employment of dock labour by the new port authority, the Mersey Docks & Harbour Com*pany*.

Many of the old causes of disputes which used frequently to lead to lightning stoppages affecting the whole port have now disappeared and in recent times industrial action has tended to be aimed at single port employers, of which the Docks & Harbour Company itself is now the largest.

Superficially the labour relations record on the waterfront has appeared to improve, but sadly there is little evidence to *support the view that there has* been a fundamental change of attitudes. Recently the Port of Liverpool has been locked in *troubles* that were again draining its resources, embittering its workforce and further eroding its reputation among world shippers.

The longest standing and most difficult problem centres on the new bulk grain handling terminal, completed more than two years ago as part of the £50m Royal Seaforth Dock complex and to date unused because the dock company and the dockers cannot agree terms for operating it.

The long wrangle over the terminal, during which bulk shippers have been diverting cargoes to European ports and *trans-shipping grain for custom*ers in this country through the old conventional handling berths at Liverpool and elsewhere—a *costly business for all con*cerned—has become deadlocked, and oddly enough not over money.

The argument is about working hours, the manning scale required and the method of *manning the terminal's new* and highly sophisticated facilities. The dockers have demanded that the manning scale must be such as to make possible a 30-hour working week, rather than the 35 proposed by the employers, with no reduction in the basic rates.

The employers want a two-shift system, each of seven hours to give a 35-hour, five-day working week. The shop stewards demanded three-shift working with six-hour shifts to *give a 30-hour working week.*

More fundamental even than this is the dockers' demand that the grain terminal must be manned on a *rota system* by all of the 4,500 men who are directly employed by the dock company. The management is insisting that there must be a permanent labour force for the terminal of something less than 150 men.

on, some of the big grain importers who built their own special facilities linked to the new terminal have seen them lying idle. Other developments have been postponed and some of them may have been lost to *Liverpool* for good.

Within the past week or two, one of the Department of Employment's senior officials, Mr Gordon Trounce, has *been into* the port to examine the problem. He is a labour relations expert of considerable experience and talent and his report to the Department may help to resolve matters, although it is hard to see how the deadlock can be broken.

The really worrying thing for Liverpool is that the sort of compromise solution that could eventually emerge may prove so costly that it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to operate the new grain terminal on a financially sound basis.

For the past nine weeks a second major dispute has been crippling Merseyside, putting the new Seaforth container terminal out of action completely and reducing by half both the *number of ships handled in the* port and the number of dockers at work.

This has involved a group of 300 *maintenance* engineers whose job is to service, repair and fuel *all the* various equipment used along the waterfront. They *are one section of a total* of some 1,800 engineering workers, belonging to the various Confederation unions who are again directly employed by the Mersey Docks & Harbour Company.

The dispute had its roots in the takeover by the port authority of a number of separate stevedoring companies in order to form its own direct cargo handling operation. In doing so it inherited a variety of pay structures and in negotiations with the unions there was an agreement to bring all of these into line.

A current pay and conditions agreement has gone some way towards this and a new package deal is due to be negotiated to take effect in October when the present agreement runs out.

The 300 maintenance engineers were not satisfied with *their position under the existing* agreement and put in a unilateral pay demand for an extra £7 a week. This was rejected by the management who offered the men an *interim settlement* of £2.10 a week pending the new agreement in October.

When the engineers turned *this down*, the *management* withdrew the offer and the strike began. In subsequent negotiations with union officials the company substituted a new offer of a lump sum cash settlement of £50 a head to cover the period up to October and the unions recommended acceptance.

However, the terms were *again rejected by the men*

The most that the management could do was to sit tight *and sweat it out.* It was extremely costly business with the stoppage estimated to be costing the company something like £300,000 a week.

Support for the strike among the engineers began to erode. At a meeting attended by 200 earlier this month, the vote for *continuing action was carried* by only 114—86. Then last Thursday, at another mass meeting, the balance swung round to a vote of 137—63 in favour of accepting the company's offer and there was a return to work yesterday.

So one major dispute has ended and another remains unresolved. In the course of both, Merseyside's image has once again suffered, and is still suffering, further damage which it can ill afford.

R. W. Shakespeare

Business Diary: TUC's glasshouse • Psychological approach

ld think that of all he TUC would have and enlightened con- f service for its own t *so:* Congress rules the appointment of a ecretary imply that he ick in the job until he id *or look for shelter* her side of the fence. no mention anywhere nent.

t the *TUC General* ias decided that some- st be done about this. year's Congress they ose an amendment to e 10, which in its pre- i states that a general shall remain in office as his work and con- e satisfaction to the Council and to the atives attending Con- The amendment adds: d shall retire from the Congress upon reach- *ge of 65*".

oint is in fact border- the academic; Victor was the only general for 50 years to last t far, and no one at House can remember mbent *taking* the reins with him into senility. e left earlier: George k at 63 to head the on on *Industrial* ; Vincent Tewson at ise of ill-health, and itrine, still alive and in ies, also at 63 to join nal Coal Board.

st general *secretary* to *course to* 65, at which Vic Feather, he retired voluntarily, was Charles Bowerman, who reigned from 1911 to 1923.

What is a little surprising, is that, at a time when many of the major constituent unions are pressing for a retirement age of 60 or even 55 for their membership, the General Council should have been so ungenerous towards their paid servant. Perhaps someone will remember to raise the issue at this year's Brighton Congress.

Whatever happens the present general secretary Len *Murray need have no fear of* being imminently reduced to an old-age pension—he is a mere lad of 52.

PR gear change

Robert Dalrymple is to leave British Leyland after *eighteen* months of attempting to do the near impossible: to explain *to the City that BL,* despite its involvement in a notoriously unstable industry was a good investment after all.

One of the ten shiny new PR men recruited by BL at the start of 1973 to polish up its public image, 31-year-old Dalrymple has in many ways succeeded in what he attempted. People he met in the City *respected his honest* approach to BL's situation, and the way BL operates is much better understood now, thanks to him, than two years ago.

Unfortunately, the oil crisis, strikes galore and an economic downturn have all worked against BL and after an outside review of manpower the company has decided to trim the PR department. Realizing this, Dalrymple was the first to accept voluntary redundancy.

£100,000 appeal

An attempt will be made tomorrow to revive the National Institute of Industrial Psychology, the learned body which managed to combine research with practical advice to industry for 50 years before falling prey to financial difficulties last summer.

At its peak, the institute had a permanent staff of about 50 *scientific officers*, but by last August, when they were disbanded, there were only 30. Since then the institute has existed in *little* more *than* name. Its director, Dr Richard Buzzard, deputy director, Dr Isabel Blain, an accountant and secretary, have been sheltering under the wing of the North East London Polytechnic while *they tidied up a few loose financial* ends and sorted out which of the institute's papers could be added to its impressive library.

But the regular inquiries from firms have convinced Dr Buzzard and Dr Blain that there is still a need for the sort of service to industry the institute used to provide, and when we *spoke to Dr Blain she had just* dealt with six inquiries. They were mostly requests for vocational counselling, advice on personnel selection courses or for the diagnostic service to pinpoint shopfloor problems.

Subscriptions have not been accepted from the institute's corporate and individual members since activities were suspended, but they have been invited to a meeting tomorrow about launching an appeal for enough cash for a fresh start.

Dr Blain estimates that at least £100,000 will be needed, although with £250,000 the institute could offer experienced industrial psychologists decent job security. Initially the appeal was going out to firms, and some have offered help.

This isn't the most auspicious time at which to be asking busi*ness for cash. Some govern*ment backing would go a long way, particularly since Tony Wedgwood Benn is so hot on ending the "trench warfare" between management, unions and the state.

Scrum resolved

Business Diary's recent look at the implications of metrication on Rugby Football has shown that not all Rugby Football Union officials *have been keep*ing up with decisions of the game's international board.

The Union has since told us that it was reluctant to say how it would cope with metres instead of yards when measuring out *pitches* and *goal posts*, because it was still studying the problem.

After hurried consultations between the Union and the Metrication Board, however, both now say that in line with an international board decision, the game will go metric in Britain in the 1975-76 season.

The board tells us that there will be no "finnicky calcula*tions to many places* of decimals." Pitches will be up to 100 metres long instead of 110 yards, while a 25-yard dropout *will become a 22-metre drop*out and a 5-yard scrum a 5-metre scrum. Overseas nations are to convert to the new *dimensions at the start of the* next year's season.

By-passed

So you think you've got postal problems. Chiasso, a small Swiss town, about an hour's drive from Milan, is receiving about 12,000 letters a day from Italians for delivery to points outside either country. Many of them are from Italian companies fed up with the Italian system, which for 15 months has been plagued by pay disputes.

Olivetti, whose headquarters are in the small *northern town* of Ivrea, has another answer. It has hired about 50 couriers, as well as keeping a Swiss postal address in Martigny.

Several private delivery services have acquired such solid reputations for speed and reliability that some Italian state concerns are now using them.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Dufay looks for record year after interim profit bounds ahead

A buoyant outlook accompanies a more than doubled *interim pre-tax profit* of £399,000 (excluding Titanine) at Dufay Bitumastic. The board is hoping for a similar result in the second half, *which points to* a record total of £798,000, against £407,000.

At present sales are being well maintained and this should continue for at least the present quarter. The final lap is hard to forecast, as the trend of demand is clouded by political and *economic uncertainties*.

A rise in interim sales from £2.89m to £3.96m, indicates a jump in margins from 9.47 per cent to 12.21 per cent. Exports contributed more to sales than a year ago, and helped to offset the effects of the miners' strike and shorter working week.

Surge by Meat Trade Suppliers

Profits of Meat Trade Suppliers were almost doubled at midway following the preceding year's 54 per cent leap, and *show still further improvement* in the year to March 31 with a record outturn. Profits more than doubled from £260,000 to £529,000 pre-tax, including that on sale of fixed assets amounting to £82,000. Turnover, however, fell away from £6.13m to £5.58m.

The year's dividend is hoisted from 6.43p to 10p, for which Treasury consent has been sought. There is also a proposed scrip or cash option. Elsewhere, *as mentioned at half-time, an* exceptional item of £20,000 was provided to write-off goodwill in a subsidiary.

Brisk start at EIS

Mid-year pre-tax profits of Electrical and Industrial Securities have gone ahead from £307,000 to a record £359,000 and the dividend is increased *from 0.75p to 0.84p. While the* board hopes to apply the same percentage increase to the final, this must depend on profits and regulations.

Profits are given before a release of 1970 Rolls-Royce provision amounting to £62,400 for the previous year (nothing this time) and a surplus on the sale of assets of £46,500 (£135,000). Earnings a share before these items were 1.58p (1.56p).

£484,000 write-off by Mitchell Somers

Little, if any, surplus is expected by Mitchell Somers from the liquidation of Pressure Dynamics and £484,000 has been written off reserves, Mr Walter Somers writes in his last report as chairman.

This accounts for a drop of 4p to 28p in the net asset value a *share* at March 30, against a year earlier. On profits the chairman says the order position is excellent and the first quarter was ahead of budget. He expects an even more satisfactory profit this year (£467,000 pre-tax last time) and if restrictions are lifted hopes *to raise the dividend again.*

Gnome Photo drop

After its record £254,000 pre-tax last year Gnome Photographic Products went into retreat in the year to May 31. On turnover steady at £1.09m against £1.02m, pre-tax profit dipped to £227,000, *including* dividends and interest amounting to £41,000 compared with £31,000, *but after a loss of* £4,000 *against* a token profit on realization of investments. The "net" dropped from £153,000 to £111,000, and per-share earnings from 6.43p to 4.66p. The dividend is raised from 3.15p to 3.31p.

Saville Gordon double payout

To follow a first half in which profits were almost doubled J Saville Gordon, Birmingham-based metal and engineers' merchants, recorded a 78 per cent second-half advance, giving profits up 85 per cent to £574,000 pre-tax in the full period to April 30. A better-than-forecast dividend is doubled to 2p.

Profit was earned out of turnover more than doubled from £10.8m to £23.2m and after tax the attributable comes out at £254,000, against £201,000. Earnings were 5.94p (2.94p).

UK firm's interest in Baudouin Motors

Ste des Moteurs Baudouin is holding talks which could lead to a British firm taking a controlling interest in it, according to informed sources in Paris *quoted by Reuter.*

The Marseilles-based manufacturer of diesel motors for fishing and river vessels had a net turnover for the first half of 1974 of 75m francs (£6.25m).

No comment was available from the company.

PSIT recovery hope

Steeper interest charges helped Property Security Investment Trust to make a £1.06m loss last year, but Mr A. R. Perry, chairman, in his annual review, believes the group is in good shape to benefit from any improvement in the property market. He bases this on the current demand for industrial property and diversification into overseas properties.

Loss follows 'inaccurate' forecast by Hilton Transport

After an estimate that the first 16 weeks' trading had produced a "small profit", the Ralph Hilton Transport Services Group (soon to be called "Roadships") reveals a loss of £435,000 for the first half to February 9.

The group was the subject of a Department of Trade inquiry and criminal proceedings are pending against the company's founder.

The board now has to admit that the original estimate was "materially inaccurate". It says that its internal problems are deeper-seated and more widespread than first thought, and this has made recruitment of new management difficult. The situation was the more complicated by the sudden departure of Mr McNaughton, chief executive, two weeks before the annual meeting, on *medical advice.*

The second half of the year is also likely to show a loss. For the whole of the preceding year the company lost £886,000.

Howden Group is set fair

The major factor in the Howden Group's profit advance last year (£2.45m to £3.5m) came from improvement in trading margins including the United Kingdom, and now Sir Norman Elliott, chairman, in his review, reports record order-books and predicts a further jump in earnings for the current year.

The group's substantial over*seas interests are outside the* domestic restriction on prices and profits, and all four sectors abroad are buoyant.

Issues & Loans

Euroloan pace picks up again

Momentum appears to be recovering in the medium-term Eurodollar (loan) market after *the lull which* has lasted for much of the summer.

Lloyds Bank International has arranged a $300m syndicated loan for New Zealand, which has never previously borrowed in the Euromarkets. The five year loan is expected to carry a spread of 1 per cent over inter-bank rate.

Another first time borrower is Portugal, for which Citicorp International and Morgan *Guaranty Trust are in the pro*cess of arranging a $150m standby credit. Initially, the facility is not being widely syndicated, but is being offered round banks which already have business links with Portugal.

The loan will carry a ¾ per cent spread for the first year and 1 per cent thereafter.

JACQUES BOREL INT

Biggest motorway and catering group on Continent, now quoted in London, has gross billings up 42 per cent to 447.9m francs in first seven months this year. Sales outside France rose 57.3 per cent and represent 27 per cent of total.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
Airlease 8¾ 1988	79¼	81¼
American Motors 9 1989	85	87
Anglo-American 7½ 1987	68	70
Ashland 8 1987	81¾	82¾
Austraswiss 8 1987	79¼	80¼
BICC 7¾ 1987	64	66
Bmoebel 7¼ 1987	72½	74½
Bristol 8¼ 1979	85	87
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	83	85
Burlington 7¾ 1987	79¼	80¼
Cadbury 7¾ 1990	67	69
Carrier 8 1987	81	82
Colombia 8¼ 1988	88	90
Cons Food 7½ 1991	78¾	79¾
Copenhagen County Auth 7¾ 1987	78½	80
Coventry 8¾ 1981	87	89
Coventry 8¼ 1980	83	85
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	81	85
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	82½	83½
Dana 8 1987	81	82
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	79¼	80¼
Denmark Mtge Bank 7½ 1991	75¼	76¼
Dundee 9¼ 1983	88	90
Escom 9¼ 1989	90	92
EIB 8½ 1988	68	90
Eurofima 8½ 1989	85	87
First Chicago 7 1980	86½	87½
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	80	84
Fisons 8½ 1987	72	74
GATX 8½ 1987	80½	81¼
General Cables 8¼ 1987	73½	75
Guardian Royal 8 1987	73½	75½
GHH 7¼ 1988	76¾	77¾
Hambros 7¾ 1987	72¼	74¼
Hammersly 8 1987	73	75
Hilton 7¾ 1987	63	65
ICI 7½ 1992	73	75
International Util 8¼ 1982	81¼	82¼
Kleinwort 8¼ 1987	73	75
Lancashire 9½ 1981	90½	93½
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	73	75
Manchester 8¼ 1981	83	85
Mexico 6¾ 1991	78	81
Michelin 7½ 1988	76½	78
Mitsubishi Rayon 9 1989	93¼	94
Motorola 8 1987	85¼	86¼
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	72¼	74¼
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	83	85
Norges Komm 7½ 1990	78	79
N A Rockwell 7¾ 1979	92¼	93½
N A Rockwell 8¼ 1987	80¾	81¾
Nottingham 8¾ 1979	85½	87¼
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	81¼	82¼
Pennwalt 8 1987	83	85
Quebec Hydro 8½ 1989	90	92
Quebec (Province) 7¾ 1988	78¼	79¼
Queensland 8¼ 1987	83	85
Ralston 7½ 1987	81	82
RHM 8 1988	71¼	73¼
SAS 8 1987	79½	80½
Scanraff 7½ 1990	80	81
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	88	89
Shell 7½ 1987	81	82
Singapore 7¾ 1987	80	—
Slough 8 1988	60	65
South Africa 8 1987	—	80
SIB 7¾ 1987	78¾	79¾
Standard Oil 8½ 1980	92½	93½
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	90	91
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988	91¾	92¾
Sybron 8 1987	81	82
Tenneco 7¾ 1979	86½	87¼
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	74	75
Textron 7¾ 1987	73	74
Town & City 8 1988	60	65
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	82	83
Union Oil 7 1979	89	90
Union Oil 7½ 1987	81	82
UDT 8¾ 1988	64	67
Utah 7½ 1979	88	89
Utah 8 1987	81	82
Venezuela 8¼ 1987	90¼	92½
Volvo 8 1987	80	81
Wellcome 8¼ 1987	69	71
Wm Glyns 8¼ 1987	75½	77½
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	49	51
Alaska Int 6 1987	38	42
American Express 4¼ 1987	65½	67½
American Motors 6 1992	80	—
American Medical 5¾ 1992	32	34
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	63	65
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	84	86
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	73	75
Borden 5 1992	68	70
Borden 6¾ 1991	82	84
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	61	63
Carnation 4 1987	63	65
Cummins 6¼ 1986	73	75
Damon 5¼ 1987	40	43
Dart 4¾ 1987	84	86
E Asia Navigation 6¼ 1989	63	65
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	74	76
Eaton 5 1987	63	65
Ford 5 1988	66	68
Ford 6 1986	74	76
Fedders 5 1992	36	38
Gillette 4¾ 1987	66	68
Gould 5 1987	68	70
General Electric 4¼ 1987	72	74
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	103	105
Harris 5 1992	55	57
Honeywell 6 1986	68½	70¼
Hongkong Land Cum 7¾ 1988	83	85
ITT 4¾ 1987	59	61
ITT Sheraton 6½ 1989	66	68
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	100	102
J P Morgan 4¼ 1987	95	97
Mohasco 5 1987	83	86
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	64	66
Owens Illinois 4¾ 1987	77½	79¼
J C Penney 4½ 1987	78	80
Revlon 4¾ 1987	74	76
Ramada 6¼ 1986	46	48
Rank Org 4¾ 1993	45	
Sime Darby 6¾ 1988	83	
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	75	
Slater Walker 5½ 1987	55	
Southland 5 1987	56	
Squibb 4¾ 1987	70	
United Overseas Bank 6¾ 1988	50	
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1988	64	
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	69	
Xerox Corp 5 1988	77	
NON-$ BONDS		
BASF (FF) 7¾ 1987	68	
Bass (FF) 7¾ 1987	58	
Bat Int Fin (FF) 7¾ 1987	60	
Brascan (DM) 8¼ 1988	84	
BLMC (FF) 7½ 1987	55	
Charter (FF) 7¾ 1987	56	
Charter (DM) 6¾ 1968/83	73	
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	77	
Denmark (DM) 9¾ 1989	96¾	
Denmark (FF) 7¾ 1988	67½	
EIB (FF) 7¾ 1988	62	
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	69	
Estel (DM) 7¾ 1988	82¼	
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	79¾	
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	85	
Lafarge (FF) 7¾ 1987	63½	
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	81½	
Occidental (DM) 6¾ 1969/76	92¾	
Suedafrica (DM) 8¾ 1970/85	88	
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	82½	
Trans Euro Pipeline (DM) 8 1993	78	
Voest-Alpine (DM) 8¾ 1988	89¾	

DM=Deutschmark issue, FF=Fr Frank issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Secur London.

B. FERTLEMAN & SONS

Sales so far this year are higher than last term, and man says group is inhe stronger than at any time history.

HALES PROPERTIES

Current figures point to a profit level for 1974-75 and a same dividend of 12.3 per promised.

HANIMEX CORPORATION

Group is to set up a pl Irish Republic as first stage £520,000 project to start thi

Stock markets

Selling puts indices at new lows

The new trading account made a horrifying start, when initial optimism was swiftly quenched beneath a fresh flood of selling orders. By mid morning, share prices were plunging downwards relentlessly and the only question left in doubt was just how far beneath the 200 *mark the FT index would close.*

At the end of the day, came the grim news that the *FT* index had lost 10.5, to close at 199.8, a level not seen since October 3, 1958. *The Times* index lost 3.28 on the session, to close at 80.11. Jobbers described business as "brisk, with 90 per cent of the business coming from the sellers".

The killing of a United States diplomat in Cyprus undermined *what little confidence there was* left in the stock market. But, closer to home, were rumours which were later denied firmly, that British Leyland Motor Corporation sought talks with the Government. After an active session, shares in BLMC closed ½p off at 8½p, a new low point.

With second line stocks often almost untradable—jobbers restricted quotations to 1,000 shares or less—the brunt of the loss fell again on the market leaders. With Wall Street delivering a final blow to London by reporting a 9 point fall at mid-session, losses in **ICI** (165p), **Courtaulds** *(78p)*, *Distillers* (81p) and **Rank "A"** (125p) ranged from 4p to 10p.

Oil shares, weak throughout, fell heavily in late dealings, when United States sellers came in. **BP** (272p) shed a further 27½p

Losses among the heavy industrials include **Tube Investments**, 5p off at 175p ahead of this week's trading statement, *GKN (128p), GEC (74p), and* **Hawker Siddeley** (179p).

Consumer issues were also hard hit as investors struggled to find salable shares. Sudden nervousness hit **Mothercare**, taking the shares down to 112p. Poor trading news lowered shares in **Woolworth** to 32½p, *and Tesco weakened at 28½p.* Elsewhere, **J. Bibby** (42p) turned down after trading the profits announcement.

Insurance shares, victims last week of any number of rumours, provided one of the few relatively firm sections yesterday. But the major banks had another unhappy session, with the loss in **Barclays** (168p) at 7p. **Hill Samuel** (40p) again lost ground, while at 100p **Slater Walker Securities** closed lower

The gilts market slipped back yesterday, but losses in most sections of the market were confined to ¼ point and there were signs of a technical rally in the afternoon. This was brought to a stop by the publication of *the* latest wage rate and earnings figures which were interpreted very unfavourably.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

Company (and par value)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
AVP Inds (25p) Int	1.0	1.0	—	—	3.3
J. Bibby (£1) Int	2.08	2.0	—	—	6.61
Dufay (10p) Int	*Nil*	*Nil*	—	—	1.3
Elec & Ind Secs (25p) Int	0.84	0.75	2/1	—	1.96
Ellis (R'mond) (5p)	1.54	1.47	—	1.54	1.47
Gnome Photo (10p) Fin	3.31	3.15	—	3.31	3.15
Meat Trade Spplrs (25p) Fin	10.0	6.43	—	10.0	6.43
Peko-Wallsend (50c) Fin	*7.5§*	*7.5§*	—	*15.0§*	*15.0§*
Pifco (20p) Fin	2.23	2.14	—	3.03	2.94
Saville Gordon (10p) Fin	1.25	0.75	25/11	2.0	1.0
Small & Tidmas (25p) Int	3.37	3.0	14/10	—	6.31
Smith (Whitworth) (5p)	0.37	0.37	—	0.37	0.37
F. W. Woolworth (25p) Int	*1.82*	*1.75*	—	—	*5.64**

* 13 months. § Cents.

Mining

Peko-Wallsend maintains recovery

Recovery seen in the first half at Peko-Wallsend was more than maintained in the second six months to July 9, to leave net profits for the year up from $A8.2m to $A9.44m. But this was of little help to the shares which closed 5p lower at 225p in London yesterday.

The profit was struck after charging $2.3m ($1.5m) towards exploration, $7.7m ($5.3m) for depreciation, $0.8m ($0.2m) for *tax* and $3.82m (*nil*) for extraordinary items. At the interim stage, the value of the King Island Scheelite investment had been written down by $2.5m and presumably the bulk of the final figure relates to this.

Federale Mynbou

Net profits at Federale Mynbou, the parent company of General Mining, more than doubled in the first six months *to end June from* R2.33m to R4.79m and earnings from 21.2c to 43.6c a share.

The market value of investments increased from R172m to R220m.

Western Mining: Production in the four weeks to August 13 was as follows: Ore treated, 112,036 tonnes (116,175); nickel concentrates, 25,488 tonnes (28,205).

Bird buys ship breaking plant in Virginia

In what is described as a "multi-million dollar deal", *The Bird* Group, of Stratford-upon-Avon, the privately-owned scrap processing and recycling group, has bought a big scrap and shipbreaking facility in Virginia, United States.

Although he would not disclose the price a spokesman said the money would come *from Bird's* own resources. The company acquired is the Peck Iron & Metal Company, of Portsmouth, and under the new style of Bird International Corporation it will operate from two points, one of which is a 60-acre shipbreaking plant with deep-water docks.

100 pc scrip from Small & Tidmas

At *the halfway point share*holders of John C. Small & Tidmas are to get a dividend raised from 3p to 3.37p and a 100 per cent scrip.

Out of turnover up from £925,000 to £1.13m profits before tax were 46 per cent higher, at £107,000.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	12 %
FNFC	13 %
*Hill Samuel	●12½ %
C. Hoare & Co ..	*12 %
Lloyds Bank	12 %
Midland Bank ..	12 %
Nat Westminster	12 %
Shenley Trust ..	12½ %
20th Cent Bank.	12 %
G. T. Whyte ..	13 %
Williams & Glyn's	12 %

* Members of Accepting Houses Committee.
● Demands deposits. £10,000 and over. 11¾ %
* 7-day deposits in excess of £10,000 up to £25,000 10¾ %, over £25,000 10¾ %.

Wall Street

New York, Aug 19.—Stocks on the New York stock exchange extended their declining pattern *today with* brokers reporting a general uneasiness among investors.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 9.70 points to 721.84, its eighth consecutive decline and another four-year low.

Sugar holds firm

SUGAR. Futures in No 11 contract held firm for most of the session to close around the day's best levels with the Spot August 1.08 cents higher and other months up the one-cent limit to 0.50 cent on the day. Volume was 3,309 lots with about 66 bids at the limit in the October untaken at the close.

Trade *sources* said the market appeared to have struck a vacuum on the sell side and this, coupled with good commission house support, accounted for the strong performance today. The recent Brazil-China sugar deal also provided underlying stability. Sept. 30.95-98c: Oct. 29.80c bid: Jan. 27.77c *nominal: March. 26.02-6.95c:* May. 24.05-24.00c: July. 22.00-15c: Sept. 20.25c: Oct. 19.40c. Spot 30.73, up 1.25.

COFFEE futures in "C" contract showed further softness in the afternoon down about 1.5 cents net before rallying late in the session on short covering. Aug. unquoted; *Sept. 58.20c:* Nov. 56.60c: Dec. 55.75-50c: March. 56.60c: May. 56.60-80c: July. 56.50c bid.

COCOA.—Sept. 82.60c. Oct. 80.10c nominal: Dec. 76.60c: March. 71.65c: May. 67.60c: July. 64.65c nominal: Sept. 62.25c nominal: Dec. 60.25c nominal. Spots: Ghana 108c. Bahia 94c.

COTTON. Futures finished an overall quiet session only slightly off the day's lows, with prices down about one cent to half a cent on the day. Volume was estimated at 900 contracts. Oct. 51.20c: Dec. 52.10-2.00c: March. 53.25c: May. 54.20-30c: July. 55.20-30c: Oct. 55.20-10c. Dec. 55.20-30c.

COPPER futures closed steady between 120 and 160 points down on 1,553 lots. Aug. 77.60c: Sept. 77.90c: Oct. 78.30c: Dec. 78.90c: Jan. 79.10c: March. 79.90c: May. 80.40c: July. *80.90c: Sept. 81.40c.*

SILVER.—Comex Silver drifted in light volume throughout the day. Futures were hauled up in line with steadier gold advices from London to close unchanged *from* Friday to 0.80 cents higher. Aug. 446.00c: Sept. 448.00c: Oct. 452.80c: Dec. 463.00c: Jan. 467.30c: March. 475.50c: May. 482.70c: July. 489.20c: Sept. 495.70c: Dec. 50 40c. Handy and Harman $451.5 (previous $446.5). Handy and Harman of Canada Can$4.425 (previous Can $4.375).

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Weakness in the Soyabean complex for most of the day brought on final declines in Grains. Soyabeans finished with losses of 16½ to 20 cents. Meal dropped two to $5.50 a ton and oil gave up ½ of a cent/lb in def while nearbys closed at lower limits. **SOYABEANS.** Aug. 748c asked: Sept. 750-25c: Nov. 731-50c *asked:* Jan. 736-35½c: March. 760-59c: May. 762-61c: July. 766c. Aug. 764c nominal **SOYABEAN MEAL.** Aug. $137.00-6.00: Sept. $144.00-5.00: Oct. $147.00-7.50: Dec. $153.50-4.00: Jan. $156.00-6.50: March. $159.00-9.50: *May. $163.00-3.00: July. $163.00.* **SOYABEAN OIL** Aug. 35.25c: Sept. 31.30c: Oct. 37.55c asked: Dec. 37.65-60c. Jan. 37.10-05c: March. 36.40-15c: May. 35.70c: July. 35.00-20c.

CHICAGO GRAINS. WHEAT closed weak six to 20 cents lower Sept. 439-430c: Dec. 445-445c: March. 456-455c: May. 448c: July. 432-425c asked. **MAIZE** closed easier 1½ to 4½c lower. Sept. 364½-365c: Dec. 357-357c. March. 362-363c: May.

• Ex Div. a Asked. e Ex Distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.3214 ($2.3305): three months, $2.3038 ($2.3165). Canadian dollar, 102.17c (102.16c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity price index up .88 to 371.35. The futures index was down 3.56 to 345.97.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 721.84 (731.54): transportation, 149.88 (152.12): utilities, 66.21 (66.97): 65 stocks, 220.60 (223.60).

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

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...RKET REPORTS

Commodities

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—A total of 17,916 packages of Indian and African teas was ...d at yesterday's auction, the ...okers' Association reported. The quantity of new season's Assams ...d some irregularity, with broken ...s most keenly sought, but prices often below brokers' valuations.

MARK LANE.—Activity at the market was still mainly speculative with consumers reluctant to participate at current price levels. Sept deliveries of Hagberg milling wheat traded in the London area at £... a long ton and Jan-March at £71. The following are average sellers' quotations a long ton for delivery to the London area. Wheat—Hagberg Sept £... Oct-Dec £..., Jan-March, £71. Barley unquoted. Oats unquoted.

fshore Fund

Foreign Exchange

Foreign exchanges were fairly active yesterday. Once again the dollar gained ground against all other currencies, on a continuing feeling that United States monetary policy is keeping interest rates higher than elsewhere and is indicative of a tough attitude towards inflation.

The pound opened at $2.3300, almost 1c down on Friday's closing levels. At one point in the morning it was being traded at $2.3210, the lowest of the day, but it recovered slightly to close at $2.3250, down 140 points on the day.

Gold closed at $156, up $1½ on the day.

Funds easy for discount market

In the money market yesterday, discount houses found fresh funds readily available. Early bids were heard in the range of 8 to 8½ per cent, but most houses held off until 7 per cent offerings were being pushed forward.

Then they entered the market to take balances of reasonable size. Most were able to close their books with money in the region of 3 to 4 per cent. The authorities found no reason to intervene.

The Times Share Indices

The Times Share Indices for 19.08.74 (base date June 2 1964 original base date June 2 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield	Earns. Yield	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Largest Cos.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smaller Cos.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Capital Goods	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Consumer Goods	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Store Shares	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Largest financial shares	106.34	6.66	—	109.91
Largest financial and industrial shares	84.?1	11.62	—	87.79
Commodity shares	176.35	6.48	14.27	181.57
Gold Mining shares	546.65	5.26	6.79	544.50
Industrial debenture stocks	70.54	[illegible]	—	70.95
Industrial preference stocks	46.67	14.15*	—	49.22
3½% War Loan	22¾	[illegible]	—	22⅝

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below.—

	High	Low
All-time	198.47 (15.08.72)	[illegible]
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	[illegible]
1973	[illegible]	[illegible]
1972	[illegible]	[illegible]
1971	[illegible]	[illegible]
1970	[illegible]	[illegible]
1969	171.95 (21.01.69)	122.98 (26.07.69)

† Adjusted to 1964 base date.
* Flat interest yield.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) August 19	Market rates (close) August 19
New York	$2.3210-3325	$2.3245-3255
Montreal	$2.2725-2925	$2.2755-2755
Amsterdam	6.24-28fl	6.26½-27½fl
Brussels	90.40-91.00f	90.80-91.00f
Copenhagen	14.16-26k	14.17½-19½k
Frankfurt	6.12-16m	6.14-15m
Lisbon	59.25-60.00e	59.60-85e
Madrid	132.90-133.50p	133.10-40p
Milan	1525-32lr	1530-32lr
Oslo	12.82-85k	12.85½-87½k
Paris	11.22-27f	11.24½-25½f
Stockholm	10.33-39k	10.35-36k
Tokyo	704-10y	704-05y
Vienna	43.20-70sch	43.45-70sch
Zurich	695-99½f	698½-99½f

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11¼%
(Last changed 24/5/74)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 12½
Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: Open 7 Close 4
Week Fixed 11½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11⅛	2 months	10⅞
3 months	11⅛	3 months	11⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) (Trades) (Dis%)

2 months	12⅝	3 months	12⅝
3 months	12⅝	4 months	12⅝
4 months	12⅝	6 months	12⅝
6 months	12⅝		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	12	7 months	11½
2 months	12	8 months	11½
3 months	12	9 months	11½
4 months	12	10 months	11½
5 months	12	11 months	11½
6 months	12	12 months	11½

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	11⅞	6 months	11⅞
3 months	12⅛	12 months	12⅝

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	10⅛	3 months	12½
7 days	10½	6 months	13
1 month	11¼	1 year	14⅛

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 10 Close 4

1 week	9⅛	6 months	13⅛
1 month	10⅝	9 months	13½
3 months	12⅝-⅞	12 months	14

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 12⅝-⅞ 6 months 13⅛

Finance House Base Rate 13½%

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Ag Mort 13¼% 1984 (£96½)	£94½-¼
Black Arrow Gp 50p Ord (50)	22+2
Brent Walker 5p Ord	33-1
Finance for Ind 14% (£99¼a)	£20½
York Wtr 10% Ord Pf	£101

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Bank Hapoalim (150)		30
Plantation Hldgs (10)	Sept 4	36-½

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. a £20 paid.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	61-55c prem	176-170c prem
Montreal	90-80c prem	255-245c prem
Amsterdam	3⅛-2⅞c prem	8⅛-7⅛c prem
Brussels	*25-5c prem*	*70-50c prem*
Copenhagen	2⅞ore prem-1⅞ disc	par-50 disc
Frankfurt	4-3pf prem	11½-10½pf prem
Lisbon	125c prem-50c disc	150c prem-150c disc
Milan	7-12lr disc	27-32lr disc
Oslo	2⅞ore prem-1⅞ disc	10-60 prem
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Stockholm	4-10 prem	5½-2½ore prem
Vienna	40-10gro prem	80-50gro prem
Zurich	4½-3½c prem	10⅛-9⅛c prem

Canadian dollar cross rate (against United States dollar) $1.0212-15.

Eurodollar deposit calls: 11-11½; seven days, 11⅛-11¾; one month, 12⅝-12⅞; three months, 13⅛-14; six months, 13½-14. Gold: am, $153.00; pm, $155.25.

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...s of the mind. A documentary looks at manic depression (BBC1 9.25). Hugh Whitemore's ...rt drama turning on the philosopher Wittgenstein, starts a repeat (BBC2 9.0). You can ...itched again by Elizabeth Montgomery (BBC1 1.53) and the zany Tommy Cooper get ...ore (ITV 8.0). Animal Scene makes an agreeable series (BBC1 6.25) and Collector's World ... with a church silver controversy (BBC2 8.30). Mary Morris heads a ballet company, ...wry, in Village Hall (ITV 9.0). Wynford Vaughan-Thomas, ace broadcaster, starts his ...ography (ITV 10.30) and repeated programmes about Henry Moore begin a two-day ... of sculpture (BBC2 7.40).—L.B.

... Tintin. 10.05-10.55, ...1.05 pm, Cant Tua'r ...0, Trumpton. 1.45, ...3, Bewitched. 2.15, ...key Business (1953), ... Grant, Ginger ... [illegible]

BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University:* Ecology; 7.05-7.30, Introduction to Materials. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 5.25 pm, Open University:* Genes and Development; 5.50, *Geochemistry*; 6.15, *Environment*; 6.40, Language and Learning; 7.05, Science.

7.30 News.
7.40 Henry Moore at Home.
8.30 Collector's World.
9.00 A *Thinking Man as Hero*, part 1: Towards the Beginning, with Keith Barron, Mary Miller, Peter Bowles, Ann Lynn, Mervyn Johns.
10.20 Colour My Soul, with Madeline Bell.
10.55-11.25, News Extra.

Southern

10.00 am, Thames. 10.25, Paulus. 10.40, Alphabet Soup. 11.10, Untamed World. 11.35, Thames. 12.00, Southern News. 12.05 pm, Thames. 2.30, Houseparty. 3.00, Thames. 5.20, Sinbad Junior. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.35, Survival. 7.05, Thames. 7.35, Film: The Failing of Raymond, with Jane Wyman, Dean Stockwell. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Southern News. 11.40, The Protectors. 12.10 am, Weather. Guideline.

Anglia

10.15 am, Untamed World. 10.40, Elephant Boy. 11.10, Cooking Without Tears. 11.30, *Thames.* 12.00, Anglia News. 12.05 pm, Thames. 2.30, Houseparty. 3.00, Thames. 5.20, Arthur of the Britons. 5.50, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.25, Thames. 7.30, Cartoon. 7.35, The Snoop Sisters. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Police Surgeon. 11.55, Reflection.

Border

9.35 am, Make a Wish. 10.05, Thames. 10.30, Ed Allen. 10.55, Felix the Cat. 11.05, The Galloping Gourmet. 11.30, Thames. 5.20, The Cowboys. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Cartoon. 7.05, Film, Killdozer, with Clint Walker. 8.30, Love Thy Neighbour. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, The Odd Couple. 12.00, Border News Summary.

Grampian

11.05 am, Fable. 11.10, Ed Allen. 11.35, I Say. 12.00, Roundup. 12.05 pm, Thames. 5.15, Circus. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian News. 6.08, Top Team. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Cartoon. 7.05, Film, Killdozer, with Clint Walker, Carl Betz. 8.30, Love *Thy* Neighbour. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, A Kind of Living. 12.00, Prayers.

Scottish

11.00 am, Take Better Photographs. 11.30, Thames. 12.00, Babar. 12.05 pm, *Thames.* 2.30, Houseparty. 3.00, Thames. 5.20, Calimero. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scottish News. 6.05, Survival. 6.35, Film: Duel in the Sun, with Jennifer Jones, Gregory Peck, Joseph Cotten. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Late Call. 11.35-12.05 am, Dilemma.

Thames

10.00 am, Table Tennis. 10.25, Film. Nine Men with Jack Lambert, Gordon Jackson. 11.30, The Finish Starts Here. 12.00, Fable. 12.05 pm, Pipkins. 12.25, *Sing to the Animals.* 12.40 News. 1.00, The Great Western Musical Thunderbox. *1.30*, Emmerdale Farm. 2.00, Marked Personal. 2.30, Good Afternoon! 3.00, Racing from York. 4.25, Junior Showtime. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, Dusty's Trail.

5.50 News.
6.00 Water Wise.
6.30 Cartoon.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Love Thy Neighbour.
7.30 Adam's Rib.
8.00 Tommy Cooper.
9.00 Village Hall.
10.00 News.
10.30 Wynford: A Few Pertinent Questions.
11.30 Bridget Loves Bernie.
12.00 It's Never Too Late.

Ulster

10.20 am, Romper Room. 10.40, *Yoga for Health.* 11.05, *Table Tennis.* 11.30, Thames. 5.20 pm, Catweazle. 5.50, News. 6.00, Summer Reports. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Film: The Desert Hawk, with Yvonne de Carlo, Richard Greene. 8.20, Cartoon. 8.30, Orson Welles [illegible]. 9.00, Thames. 11.30-12.00, Better Driving.

ATV

10.00 am, Thames. 10.25, Stingray. 10.50, The Osmonds. 11.15, Cartoon. 11.20, The Enchanted House. 11.30, Thames. 12.00, Hugh Jones. *12.05 pm, Thames. 5.20, Untamed World.* 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. *7.00, Film: Mr Moses*, with Robert Mitchum, Carroll Baker. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Father Paschal. 11.35-12.00, Firehouse.

Granada

9.35 am, Clapperboard. 10.00, Thames. 10.25, Delta.* 11.10, A European Journey. 11.35, Untamed World. 12.00, The Pied Pipers. 12.05 pm, Thames. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.25, Betty Boop. 6.35, Film: The Strong Man, with James Franciscus. 8.00, Thames. 11.30, Preludes. *12.00-12.30 am, Police Surgeon.*

Tyne Tees

9.30 am, Four Fears of Man. 9.40, Make a Wish. 10.00, Thames. 10.30 Ed Allen. 10.55, Cartoon. 11.05, The Galloping Gourmet. *11.30, Thames. 12.00, Cartoon.* 12.05 pm, Thames. 2.30, Let's Face It. 3.00, Thames. 6.00, North-east News. 6.10, Tell Me Why. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Cartoon. 7.05, Film: Killdozer, with Clint Walker. 8.30, Love Thy Neighbour. 9.00, Thames. 12.00, News Headlines. 12.05 am, Lectern.

Radio

1

5.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Paul Burnett. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.00 pm, David Hamilton. 4.00, Noel Edmonds. 5.30, Newsbeat. 5.45, Alan Freeman. 7.02, Sam Costa.† 7.30, [illegible] 8.[illegible], Star Sound. 9.02, Hubert Gregg. 10.00, John Peel.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Night Ride.† 2.00, News.

† Stereo

2

5.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Don Durbridge.† [illegible] 9.02, Pete Murray † (10.30, Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Jimmy Young † 1.45 pm, Ricochet. † 2.05, Beat the Record. 2.35, Tony Brandon † (4.15, Waggoners' Walk). 5.02, Joe Henderson. † 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, Radio 1. 10.02, John Dunn. 12.00-2.02 am, Radio 1.

3

7.00 am, News. 7.05, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Weber. † 8.00, News. 8.05, Handel, Mozart, Bach. † 9.00, News. 9.05, Ravel. † 9.55, Hoddinott, Parrott, Grace Williams. † 11.00, Edinburgh Festival, part 1: Mozart, Bruno Canino. 11.35, Festival Comment. 11.50, Concert, part 2: Beethoven. 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, The Arts Worldwide. 1.20, Tchaikovsky's Snow Maiden: incidental music to Ostrovsky's play. † 2.30, Three Choirs Festival. Bach, Guilain, Samuel Wesley, Franck, Guillou, Britten. † 4.20, Concert, Penderecki, Nono. † 5.15, Jazz Today. † 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, Working the System. 7.00, Eminently Victorian. 7.30, Prom, part 1: Rossini, Beethoven. † 8.15, The Arts Worldwide. 8.35, Prom, part 2: Hoddinott, Elgar. † 9.40, Play, Eight Bell, by Richard Wesley. † 10.20, Cyril Smith 1909-1974 (piano): Rachmaninov, Dohnanyi, Faure. 10.55, Agamemnon, opera by Havergal Brian. † 11.55-12.00, News.

4

6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Travel News. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.25, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.50, Travel News. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.25, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, Bhowani Junction. 9.00, News. 9.05, Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. Shoes and Feet. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Down Your Way. 11.45, The Wit and Wisdom of Sir John Betjeman. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Many a Slip. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Sword of Honour. 4.00, News. 4.05, Pick of the Bunch. 4.35, Story Time: The Big House of Inver. 5.00, PM reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, The Great Musicals: The Sound of Music. 8.15, The Cockney. 9.15, The Nine Muses, part 8: Calliope, the Muse of Epic Poetry. 9.30, *Kaleidoscope.* 9.59, *Weather.* 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: Burmese Days. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, From the Four Winds: reflections by Sir Geoffrey Jackson. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore forecast.

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BIRTHS

BOYLE.—On August 16th, at University College Hospital, to Joan (nee Brothers) and Tony Boyle—a son (James Henry John).

BREARS.—On August 14th, 1973, at the Princess Margaret Maternity Unit, Swindon, to Pauline Wendy (nee Pascoe) and C. Reginald Brears—a son (Paul Charles).

BROWN.—On August 15th in Oxford to Helen (nee Mitchell) and David, a daughter.

BUTLER.—On Saturday, 17th August, at Lindo Wing, St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Lorna and Dermot—a daughter.

GREGORY.—On August 14th at King's College Hospital, to Ursula (nee Raeburn) and Bruce Gregory—a son (Samuel Lofting), brother for Amelia.

HEENAN.—On 16th August, to Vivienne (nee Jenkins) and Duncan Heenan—a daughter, Phillippa Margaret.

HOMERSHAM.—On August 17th at Princess Margaret's, Swindon, to Sue (nee Shepherd) and Ian, a son.

HUNT.—On 17th August at Chase Farm Hospital to Elizabeth (nee Sheringham) and Francis, a daughter—Joanne Mary.

JOHNSTONE.—To Beverley and Michael—a son (David) at Johannesburg on 16th August, 1974.

MARSHALL.—On August 16th, to Jennie (nee Whitmore) and Davin Marshall—a son, brother for Emma, Arabella and Lucinda.

MILLER.—On August 17th, at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Jacqueline (nee Hoad) and Derek Miller—a son (Christian Piers).

MONCKTON.—On 15th August, at Poole Hospital, to Judy and Christopher—a son (Oliver).

OLIVER.—On August 19 at St Mary's, Portsmouth, to Anna (nee Topham) and Andrew Oliver—a son.

ROSE.—On August 19th, at the Middlesex Hospital, to Henrietta (nee Barstow) and Nicholas Rose—a daughter.

SANDS.—On 17th August to Jennifer (nee Cattell) and Roger Sands—a daughter (Gillian Mary).

MARRIAGES

CORDY : TATTERSALL.—On August 17th, in London, Timothy Soames Cordy to Jill Margaret Tattersall.

GREGORY : GUEST.—On Saturday, August 17, in Bromsgrove, Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs J. P. Gregory, of Moorgreen Hall, Weatheroak, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. A. Guest, of Church Road, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

FENDIUS : BARLOW.—On August 10th, at Chelmsford Cathedral, Martin William, younger son of Mr. and Mrs R. Fendius, of Kew Gardens, to Lindy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Barlow, of Chelmsford.

NEILSON : JACK.—At St. Cuthbert's Episcopal Church, Colinton, Edinburgh, on 16 August, by the Rev. D. R. Cole, George Anthony, son of Col. and Mrs. G. L. Neilson, 34 Woodhall Road, Colinton, to Sarah Anne, daughter of the late Ewen A. Jack and Mrs. Vivien Jack, 11 Grant Avenue, Colinton.

RADCLIFFE : HUNTER-GRAY.—On the 17th August, Gilbert Courtenay Willoughby Radcliffe, formerly of 26 Pembroke Square, W.8, to Jacqueline Hunter-Gray, of Barnhorn Manor, Little Common, East Sussex.

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DEATHS

BAILEY.—On August 16th, 1974, in hospital, Herbert George, architect and Greek scholar, gentle husband of Joan and father of Jennifer. Cremation Thursday, August 22nd, Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, at 12.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please, but donations may be sent if desired to the Architects' Benevolent Society.

BRISCOE.—On 18th August, 1974, Barbara Mary, late of Aldershot, beloved wife of Bob and mother of Neil and Carol. Died as the result of a holiday accident, aged 46.

BROWN.—On Sunday, 18th August, peacefully, at her home, 43 Onslow Square, S.W.7, Edna, beloved wife of Percy, and devoted mother and grandmother of Michael and Norman. Funeral private. No flowers, please.

CHATE.—On 16th August, 1974, suddenly, in Hongkong, Michael Geoffrey, of Sydney, Australia, aged 45 years. Husband of Anne, father of Simon and Sarah and son of the late C. G. Chate and Mrs G. Chate of Imball, Firwood Rise, Heathfield, Sussex.

COOK.—On 16th August, peacefully, at Rush Court, Wallingford, Lilian Maud, aged 88, widow of Henry Curtis Cook, dear mother of Dorothy, Mary and Hilda, much-loved grandmother and great grandmother.

EASTON.—On August 17th, Olwen Gertrude (nee Proger), formerly of St. Fagans and Kenya, dear wife of Gervaise and dear mother of Frances, peacefully at Stoneycrest Nursing Home. Funeral service on August 22nd, 1974, at 3.15 at the Parish Church, Odiham, Hampshire, to be followed by cremation at Aldershot. Flowers to Gould and Chapman, Crossways Rd., Greyshot, Hindhead, Surrey, or, if preferred, a donation to Imperial Cancer Research.

EMSDEN.—On 17th August, suddenly, at Clare, Suffolk, Lt. Col. *Leslie Emsden*, O.B.E., J.P., aged 81. Service at Clare Parish Church on Thursday, 22nd August at 1.45 p.m., followed by private cremation.

EVANS.—On August 17th, 1974, peacefully, in Wimbledon, Dorothy Margaret (nee Cowap) wife of the late Gwylium Evans and mother of Billy. Funeral at Putney Vale Cemetery on Thursday August 22nd, at 11.15 a.m. Enquiries to: Frederick W. Paine, 6 Coombe Lane, Raynes Park, S.W.20. Tel.: 01-946 1974.

FRANCU.—On August 18th, at his home in Mill Hill, Jaromir (Mirek), beloved husband of Audrey, father of Sacha, Carol, Linda and Robert. Funeral on Wednesday, 21st August, 12 noon at Hendon Crematorium, cut flowers only to H. Phillips, Funeral Director, 530 Watford Way, Mill Hill, N.W.7, or donations to Cancer Research.

GOLDBERG.—On August 18th, in Middlesex Hospital, Tony, dearly loved wife of Leslie and mother of Sylvia and Neville. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, today (Tuesday) 3.0 p.m., West Chapel.

HALL.—On 15th August, 1974, suddenly, aged 9 weeks, Edward, beloved son of Ruth and William. Funeral private.

HAMBLY.—On August 16th, 1974, Arthur Francis (Peter) Hambly, beloved husband of Vera of Queen's Court, Richmond, Surrey. Cremation at Mortlake, Thursday, August 22nd at 2.20 p.m. No flowers or letters, please.

HARDERN.—On 17th August, suddenly at Pansy Hollow, Monkmead Lane, West Chiltington, Pulborough, Sussex, Leslie, adored husband of Lilian. His body has been donated for medical research.

HOLMES.—August 17th, Kathleen Noel of The Old Rectory, Shotesham. Dearly loved wife of Geoffrey and mother of John, Peter and Judy. Funeral service Shotesham All Saints' Church, Wednesday, August 21st at 2.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. No letters please.

HUGHES.—On 19th August, 1974, Stanley Chester Hughes, formerly of Cruden, Berkenham Place Park the loved husband of the late Nan, dear father of John and Roger, passed away peacefully in a private Nursing Home at Leicester, aged 85 years. Funeral service and interment at Charlton Cemetery, London, on Thursday, August 22nd, at 2 p.m.

JACQUES.—On August 18th, George Wilfred, at home, 136 Kenilworth Rd., Coventry. Dearly loved husband of Florrie, father of John Peter Clive and Andrea and grandfather of Lesley and Anne. Funeral on Thursday, 22nd August, Westwood Church, Coventry, at 11.00 a.m. followed by interment at Canley Garden Cemetery. Flowers to A. Pargetter & Son Ltd, 23 Bishop St., Coventry.

JOHNSTON.—On 15th August, suddenly on business in Germany, Peter Johnston, director of Willis Faber & Dumas Ltd., aged 53, of 109 Argyle Road, Ealing, beloved husband and dearest friend of Audrey and father and greatest pal of Robert and Peter-John (PJ). Funeral on Friday, 23rd August, 11 a.m. at St. Stephen's Church, The Avenue, Ealing, followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, Middlesex, at 12 noon. Flowers to W. S. Bond Ltd., 19 Bond Street, Ealing, W.5. Donations if desired to Lloyd's Benevolent Fund of Lloyd's of London.

LEWIS.—On 16th August, Dr George Eric, M.R.C.P., of Ruswarp, Whitby, formerly physician to Hull R.I. Service at Ruswarp Church, on Wednesday, 21st August, at 1 p.m., followed by interment at Darlington.

LINDSAY.—On 16th August, Betty Joyce (nee Chilcott), beloved wife of John A. Lindsay and mother of John C., formerly of Kenya, later of Cornwall Gardens, S.W.7 and latterly of Dedham, after a long, brave struggle against a cruel illness. Funeral private on Thursday, 22nd August. Flowers to Colchester Crematorium.

LONGCROFT.—On 16th August, peacefully, at Barts Hospital, Annie Mary Longcroft, wife of the late Reginald Stoddart Longcroft and loving mother of James and Peter. Funeral at Chingford Mount Crematorium on Friday, 23rd August at 11.30 a.m. Flowers to W. G. Miller Ltd., 95 Essex Rd., Islington, N.1.

MACKINLAY.—On August 18th, peacefully, Jack of Bulstrode Court, Gerrards Cross. Beloved husband of Molly and father of Isobel and Lindsay. Funeral service, Amersham crematorium 4 pm, August 22nd. Flowers to H. C. Grimstead Ltd., Chalfont St. Peter.

MILLBOURN.—On August 15th, Joseph Ralph, of 15 Gliston Rd., London, S.W.10, peacefully, after a very short illness, at Eze Alpes-Maritimes, dear husband of Ellamore and father of Mary and Michael.

MILLER.—On August 4th, 1974, Alastair William Rowsell, in Santa Barbara, California. Beloved son of the late Alec Miller and Eleanor Rowsell Miller (who is living in Solvang, California).

MOLLOY.—On August 17th, 1974, peacefully after a long illness, at Hazelhatch, Peaslake, Mary Bridger (Molly), so sadly missed. Requiem Mass at Gomshall Roman Catholic Church on Thursday, August 22nd at 2.45 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

NUTT.—On August 17th at Lymington Hospital, Brigadier Walter Gordon Rothery Nutt, C.B.E., M.C., of The Gatehouse, Lymington, beloved husband of Ruth. Cremation private. Memorial service at Boldre Parish Church at 3 p.m., on Friday, 23rd August.

OKE. VERA.—On Sunday, 18th August, 1974, much loved wife of the late Major J. M. Oke, of White Haven, Datchet, Buckinghamshire. Cremation at Slough Crematorium, at 4 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd August. Flowers to E. Sargeant & Son, 61 St. Leonards Road, Windsor.

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PINSENT.—On August 16th, 1974, peacefully, in hospital, aged 79 years, Kathleen Jane formerly of Durford Rise, Rogate, Sussex and Edinglassie, Aberdeenshire. Widow of Commander Clive Pinsent, Royal Navy. Beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. No flowers by request. Cremation private. Memorial service at Rogate Church, Sussex, Wednesday, September 18th at 3.30 pm.

POMEROY.—Peacefully on Sunday, August 18th, 1974, John Philip Pomeroy, of Le Clos de Lecq, St John, Jersey. Loved husband of Freda. Funeral private. Family flowers only, but donations if desired may be sent to The Royal British Legion (Jersey Branch) c/o Brig. D. C. Curme, C.B.E., The Glade, St Catherine's Bay, St. Martin, Jersey, C.I.

PRIESTMAN.—On 18th August, 1974, aged 82 years, Philip Dent Priestman, O.B.E., LL.D., J.P., of Hedon, East Yorkshire. The beloved husband of the late Inga and father of Mildred Wardle and James.

PRING.—On 19th August, 1974, in Perth, Western Australia, after a long illness courageously borne, Louise Campbell Pring (nee Watkins), aged 54, wife of Dr John Pring and mother of Anne. Beloved by all who knew her.

ROTH.—On 18th August, peacefully, at Bosham, Ethel Eliza, in her 95th year, greatly loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Cremation on Thursday at Chichester.

SUTCLIFFE.—On August 17, 1974, at Woodley Bank Rest Home, Hyde, Cheshire, Frances, aged 87 years. Beloved wife of the late James Sutcliffe, dear mother of John, mother-in-law of Maureen, devoted grandma of James. Service at Hyde Chapel, Wednesday, August 21st at 2 p.m., followed by committal at Dukinfield Crematorium at 3 p.m. Enquiries B. Armitage (Hyde) Ltd. Tel. 061-368 2319.

TATTERSALL.—Suddenly on August 17th, Rex, husband of Joan and father of Sara and Martin. Funeral private, no letters, no flowers, please.

WALLER.—On August 16th, 1974, Michael Henry, Canon Emeritus of Chichester Cathedral. Beloved husband of Eileen Primrose, youngest son of the late Col. Stanley Waller, C.V.O., brother of Dorothy. For many years hospital chaplain. Funeral service at The Church of The Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, Brighton, on Wednesday, August 21st at 3.00 p.m. No flowers, please, but donations if desired to Chichester Cathedral Restoration Fund.

WATSON.—On 15th August, 1974, Charles Edward Hubert, dearly loved husband of Audrey, and father of Graeme, David, Diana and Kathleen, peacefully at Whangerei Hospital, New Zealand.

WOODMAN.—On 14th August, 1974 after a short illness Lilian May, aged 86, much loved friend of Lord and Lady Salisbury and their family for over 50 years.

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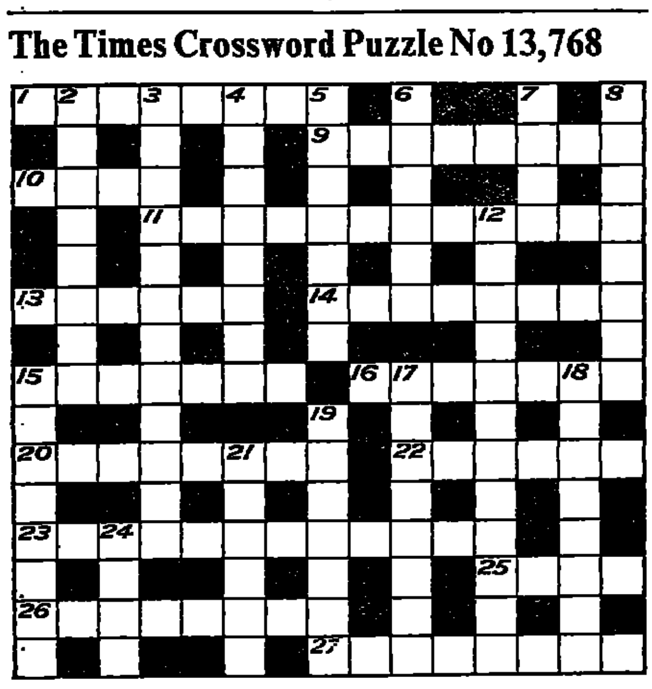

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10 Speed over the snow, monsieur, take off from the top ! (4).
11 Players whose violent acts go against the grain ? (4-8).
13 Parasitically sucking up ? (6).
14 Not looking forward to the old penny literature (8).
15 Game got up by a zany bare set (7).
16 Ideas to back (7).
20 Song in a North or South state (8).
22 Old party pin-up (and thereby hangs a tail) (6).
23 Arms with handbags held out wildly to get at goods in the window (5-3-4).
25 A way one finishes with wine (4).
26 Thackeray's heavenly fairy-tale heroine, sweet enough to eat (8).
27 Calm advice to one doing a protracted turn on the watch (8).

DOWN
2 Gallic day for English royalists ? (3-5).
3 Safe locking devices for motor-cycles and side-cars (12).
4 When in drink the cup-bearer is not one to be trusted (8).
5 The story part is in poetic form (7).
6 Go over change of track for the record (6).
7 Fish spear, sort of (4).
8 Fair speechless, those sent by Portia to Bassanio (8).
12 Exercise round at the hospital dance ? (8-4).
15 One sort of driver takes cab off course (4, 4).
17 Staff with too few of an inferior type ? (8).
18 Retired army technicians go up on it with us (8).
19 From which Hamlet knew a hawk (7).
21 One form of silk got from indigo (6).
24 Old wool-gatherers' craft (4).

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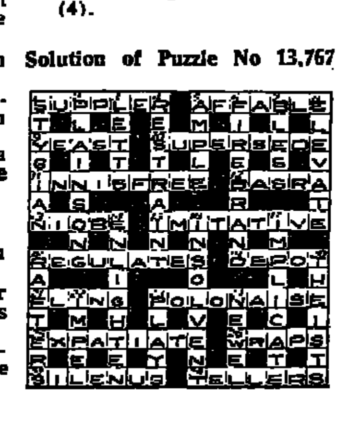

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